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JACK JOHNSON, WORLD CHAMPION

GETS DECISION OVER BURNS IN FOURTEENTH

Police Put End to Fierce Battle —Canadian Badly Outpointed.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 26. — Jack Johnson, the big negro from Galveston, Tex., is the world's heavyweight champion. He won the title to-day in the big arena at Rushcutters bay from Tommy Burns, the French-Canadian, who had held it since James J. Jeffries relinquished it, and after a chase of Burns that led half way around the world.

The end come in the fourteenth round when the police, seeing Burns tottering and unable to defend himself from the savage blows of his opponent, mercifully stopped the fight. Previously it had been arranged that if the police interfered a decision should be rendered on points, and Referee McIntosh declared the big black man a winner, for all through the fight he had shown himself Burns' master in every style of fighting.

Burns in an interview after he had gone to his dressing room said:

"I did the best I could and fought hard. Johnson was too big and his reach was too great."

Johnson appeared fresh after the fight, while Burns' eyes were badly puffed and his mouth swollen to twice its normal size. He fought a game battle and showed indomitable pluck, but he was no match for the big Texas black.

Twice only in the annals of pugilism has a colored man been permitted to fight for the title emblematic of the world's championship heavyweight pugilist. Peter Jackson tried it with John L. Sullivan, but Sullivan would not consent to a go. After James J. Jeffries took the scalp of Bob Fitzsimmons he took on Hank Griffin at Los Angeles, but the colored man was easy for him and never had a chance to win the honor. He was knocked out in four rounds. Jeffries then drew the color line and several years later retired. Johnson had tried to get on a fight with him, unavailingly.

Then Tommy Burns, or Noah Brusso, as his name really is, took up the mantle of Jeffries. Since then and until to-day Johnson has endeavored to get him into the ring, declaring that he was Burns' master.

The fight was for a purse of $35,000, of which Burns received $30,000 and Johnson $5,000. The ring was a twenty-four-foot one, and was pitched in the centre of a big arena built especially for the purpose at Rushcutters bay. The bout was to have been for twenty rounds.

The day dawned overcast and cool. Thousands of persons from all parts of the country were attracted to the scene of the encounter and many reached there Christmas night and slept in the open. They came by street cars, automobiles, carriages and on horseback, and at 10 o'clock this morning, one hour before the fight was scheduled to start, every seat was occupied. The prices of seats ranged from $2.50 to $25.

The crowd was estimated at between 18,000 and 20,000 persons, and it kept perfect order throughout the fight. A brass band enlivened the holiday throng.

Before the contestants entered the ring Bill Squires, who thrice has been defeated by Burns, challenged the winner.

Burns weighed in at 168 pounds and Johnson at 192.

The betting was 7 to 4 on Burns at the start, but it veered in a few rounds to 2 to 1 on Johnson.

The spectators conceded that Johnson's victory was due to his physical advantages over Burns, his superior knowledge of the fighting game and his unruffled demeanor while being taunted by the champion.

The stakes were paid the men while they were in the ring.

At 10:42 o'clock Johnson entered the arena accompanied by his seconds, Sam Fitzpatrick, Mullins, Unholz, Lang and Bryant. Wild cheers greeted him and the big black man turned and bowed to all four sides of the ring. Just as Johnson took his seat Burns appeared. He was smiling and the plaudits of the spectators were even more enthusiastic than those accorded Johnson. Burns took up his post in the western corner of the ring, surrounded by his seconds, Keiting, O'Keefe, ODonnell, Burke and Russell. When the cheering had died down somewhat Johnson crossed over and shook Burns by the hand.

Fight by Rounds.

At 1:15 o'clock Johnson and Burns posed for a moving picture machine and had received final instructions from Referee McIntosh and retired to their corners.

Then the battle began

First round—After a few moments of preliminary sparring, Johnson reached Burns with a sharp upper-cut and the Canadian went to the floor, remaining there for the count of eight. He signaled to his seconds that he was all right, however, and when he arose sailed in for Johnson's body. Johnson swung a hard right to the head and Burns staggered backward nearly across the ring from the impact of the blow. Then Burns, rushing in, planted a right of great force on Johnson's chin, and by an excellent display of boxing warded off a return. Johnson, nevertheless, managed to put through a stinging left to the head at the sound of the gong.

Second round—When the bell clanged Johnson yelled across to the approaching Burns, "Come right on!" and he swung his right and landed on Burns' chin. The champion's ankle gave way under him and he went down. He was up immediately, however, and Johnson got to close quarters with him and placed his right and left to face and body. Burns' left eye here commenced to swell. Johnson thus far had the better of the battle.

The black man was coming all the time and he swung a terrific left into Burns' stomach. Burns was doing but little. He was bleeding from the mouth and apparently was tired. The men were clinched as the bell rang.

Third round—Burns swung his right to Johnson's head and then did some wonderful execution at in-fighting.

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HARRIS' HOME IS FORTRESS

FEARFUL OF ATTACKS BY "NIGHT RIDERS"

Witness in Union City Trial Was Told All Details of Murder.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 26.—The state on Thursday, in offering more evidence against the night riders, summoned Thomas H. Cloar as its first witness. Thos. H. Cloar is no relation to the defendant, Arthur Cloar.

Thomas H. Cloar was induced to join the night riders by Arthur Cloar early in October. The witness was cool but careful, for last Sunday a friend of one of them on trial told him that if he testified he would be killed before he left the stand.

On the night of Capt. Ranken's murder, Cloar went to Reelfoot Lake for fish, and met Bob Huffman and Bud Morris, two of the defendants. Huffman told him they had wanted him to join to get information as to how Union City was guarded, for they wanted to visit that place and "attend to" Judge Jones, Attorney General Caldwell, the latter's father, a man 80 years old, Judge Waddell, and a number of other prominent men who were urging the extermination of the night riders' band.

The witness was told that the night riders were going to "get" Ranken and Taylor that night, and he was urged to go with them. He told them he had no gun, that his child was ill and that he could not go. Prior to this he had burned his mask and told his wife he would never go with the riders again. He was not present when Ranken was killed. He talked with Arthur Cloar, the defendant, a few days after the killing. The latter told the witness all the details of the murder, and said that he, Arthur Cloar, was present when it was committed. A severe cross-examination failed to confuse the witness.

During a recess on Thursday Judge Jones noticed a number of small boys in the court room and ordered them to retire. This was due to an incident that the court noticed last night. A number of boys had secured black masks, and were playing "night riders." They have been constant attendants at the trial and the court did not consider the effect good for their youthful minds.

W. A. Robertson, a Reelfoot man, testified that he was solicited by Arthur Cloar to join the "night riders." He refused, whereupon Cloar told him the "riders" proposed to get Judge Harris, whip him and cut his head off. The night riders were never able to get Harris, who was one of the owners of the West Tennessee Land Company, because he was well guarded at all times. His home at Tiptonville is a veritable fortress. The grounds and approaches to it are electrically mined, and it could stand a siege of weeks. Whether this was known to the "night riders" is not definitely known, but they never attempted to raid the Harris home.

ROYAL CHRISTMAS TREE.

Vienna, Dec. 26.—On the eve of Christmas, Emperor Francis Joseph, leading two of the youngest of his grandchildren and followed by the members of the royal family, entered the great salon of the palace, where a huge Christmas tree had been set up. The Emperor himself presented the Imperial children with gifts and examined the presents which the family had prepared for him.

ROOSEVELT'S HUNTING PLANS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt will make a special effort in his African hunting trip to shoot two white rhinoceroses, about the scarcest animal in all Africa. The national museum in Washington is especially anxious for one of these, and if the president gets another specimen, he will give it to the British national museum. The president will not end his journey until he has got two elephants. The advice recently given him that he will get no elephants on the route he has decided to take has caused him to determine to go as far into the interior of Africa as is necessary to get elephants.

HIS MAJESTY'S CHRISTMAS.

London, Dec. 26.—The King and the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, spent Christmas at Sandringham with the customary festivities. Sandringham House was gaily decorated, and a gigantic tree, laden with gifts, stood in the ballroom. The King presided at the family Christmas dinner.

SYMPATHY FOR LABOR LEADERS

AMERICAN CAPITAL VS. GOMPERS AND FRIENDS

Alphonse Verville, M. P., Foresees Terrible Day for Republic in U. S. A.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 26.—Alphonse Verville, M. P., president of the Dominion Trades and Labor congress, says the sentences imposed upon the officials of the American Federation of Labor are very regrettable, but are the best thing that could happen the labor movement not only in the United States but also in Canada.

"I do not believe the same thing could happen in Canada," he said. "Not because our laws are not as stringent as the American laws, but because of the judiciary's conception of equity, and especially because our British sense of fair play would not permit such an extreme appliance of law."

"American capital," he said, "had decreed that Mr. Gompers and his companions shall go to jail, and it is my opinion that it will succeed sooner or later in placing those labor chiefs behind the bars of prison cells, but when that happens it will be a sad and terrible day for the American people, and one that may shake the American republic to its foundations."

Messages of Sympathy.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Wm. J. Bryan was chief among nearly two score of men, the majority of whom are leaders in the labor movement of the country, who have sent messages expressive of their cordial sympathy with President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the Federation of Labor.

The messages, which came from every section of the country, voiced the sentiments of persons in almost every avenue of labor, and conveyed feelings of regret over the court's decision, extended moral and financial support, and in some instances expressed indignation.

Mr. Bryan, in a telegram dated Pittsburg, Pa., addressed to Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, says: "Sorry to read decision. You did your duty in testing law. Glad you are taking appeal."

Perhaps one of the most unique among the messages sent to Mr. Gompers is that from J. S. Perry, of Oklahama City, who after expressing regret over the decision, declares: "Stay with the baggage; right must prevail."

W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, says from Detroit: "You are clearly the victims of a judge-made law, which is wholly unconstitutional. It should be carried to the highest court, and contested to the bitter end, and we pledge you the united support of every member of our association to the end."

The declaration is made by John R. Alpine, of the United Association of Plumbers at Chicago, that the decision will bring organized labor closer together. On behalf of the International Steam Fitters' Association, J. J. Sullivan, of that association, expresses indignation at the verdict and conveys sympathy to the defendants.

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DETERMINED TO CLEAN OUT GRAFT IN PITTSBURG

Other Banks Believed to Be Involved in Municipal Corruption.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—That at least $176,000 was paid councilmen for the selection of certain banks as depositories for the city's funds has been almost positively established by evidence submitted and statements furnished by the Voters' league and the Scranton, Pa., detectives employed by the league to give this city a municipal housecleaning.

Whether all of the banks selected as depositories contributed to this fund has not been established. Officials of but one bank have so far been arrested, and they are charged with the payment of $17,500 of the alleged bribery fund. That other bankers are to be arrested is almost positively stated by those back of the investigation.

Mayor Guthrie, who refused to make contracts with the bank as authorized by the council, on the ground that they were illegal, said on Thursday night that the selection of the depositories is void because obtained by bribery and fraud, and that the council can set them aside without the formality of court proceedings. The period for which the depositories were selected will expire early in February.

That other arrests are to be made is practically admitted by all concerned in the case, but the present intention is to let the matter rest until after Christmas. Detectives are still at work, however, and if developments make it necessary, officers will close upon the suspects before the time now fixed by the league.

The Voters' league has been assured of the financial backing needed. It was stated by Vice-President H. B. English that the league depends wholly upon voluntary contributions, but Mr. English said any sum up to $500,000 can be secured any time it is needed, without effort, proffers having been made by the leading men of the city.

"SANTA CLAUS" BURNED TO DEATH.

Detroit, Dec. 26.—Leo Wagner died yesterday in a hospital from burns received while playing Santa Claus at a family reunion. His cotton whiskers took fire.

LUMBER SHED GUTTED.

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 26.—The lumber shed, store and office of William Cowan & Co., lumber manufacturers, were destroyed by fire on Christmas Eve. The fire was of incendiary origin. It was discovered in the big shed, filled with shiplap. The firemen did good work in saving the storehouse, the lumber piles adjoining and the sawmill. The loss is about $20,000, covered by insurance. Mr. Cowan is spending Christmas at his old home in Norfolk county, Ontario.

MARSHAL AND MINER KILLED IN FIGHT

Trouble Follows Refusal of Strikers to Obey Orders of Judge.

Danville, Ky., Dec. 26.—A battle between striking miners and five United States marshals took place at Stearns, a coal mining town, sixty miles south of here, yesterday, and resulted in the death of two men and the wounding of several others.

The dead: John Mullins, United States marshal, Richmond, Ky.; Richard Ross, miner. The wounded: Marshal Tate, Somerset, Ky.; Marshal Ryan, Somerset, Ky. Several miners were also wounded.

The trouble arose over the refusal of the strike promoters to obey a temporary restraining order issued by Judge A. M. J. Cochran, at Covington, Ky., several days ago.

Marshals Siler, Ryan, Henry Wadell, Messingale and Tate, of Somerset, Ky., and Marshal Mullins, of Richmond, went to Stearns, found the strikers barricaded in a hotel, and were fired upon. Then ensued the fight during which Mullins was killed and several of the miners wounded. The hotel was then burned and the miners fled. Marshal Ryan got separated from the others, and it is feared he was killed. A posse went to Stearns and it is feared further trouble will follow.

MAGISTRATE TO HEAR HOUSEHOLDERS' APPEAL

City Solicitor Will Be Present When Argument is Submitted.

The appeal of the old men householders, who are disfranchised in the coming municipal election by reason of not having paid the $2 road tax, from liability for which men over 50 are exempted, will be heard by Police Magistrate Jay on Monday morning.

This morning Joseph Peirson appeared before his Worship as representing himself and 104 others who are in like position, and stated that he had received a request from the civic authorities to appear either this morning or Monday morning, so that if their appeal was allowed the names could be printed in the final list. While he had no authorization to act for the others he explained to the magistrate that the court of revision would accept a ruling in one case as covering all.

The magistrate considered that there should be an appearance for the city, and fixed Monday for hearing argument.

It is understood that the city solicitor will make a merely formal appearance, as the city does not oppose the application. He will probably state the view of the court of revision that the law as it stands prevents anyone from being registered as a householder voter unless they have paid the road tax. Mr. Peirson relies on a reported decision of Judge Spinks at Kamloops in favor of the old men.

STILL UNSENTENCED.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26.—The passing of sentence upon Ruef was on Thursday continued by Superior Judge Lawler until next Tuesday morning. The postponement was granted so that the prosecution might reply to the numerous motions and affidavits submitted by the defence. The day was the third continuance since Dec. 10th, when Ruef was pronounced guilty by a jury. The motion for a new trial was based upon affidavits making grave charges against individual members of the jury which convicted the defendant.

FAMILY AXPHYXIATED BY ESCAPING GAS

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Four persons were found dead yesterday in a residence at 168 Hasting street, having been asphyxiated by escaping gas. Morris Lukeman, a grocer, his wife, Elizabeth, and their children, Annie, 16 years of age, and William, 15 years of age, were the victims. The overcoat of Lukeman was found on the floor underneath a broken gas fixture and the police believe that the fixture was broken by the man throwing the coat over it before retiring. A Christmas tree, decorated and hung with gifts, was in an adjoining room.

REUNION OF FORTY-NINERS

VICTORIAN HAS GONE TO TAKE PART IN IT

Capt. Dan McIntosh, of This City, Will Celebrate at San Francisco.

During the Christmas holidays there is to be a reunion of the forty-niners in San Francisco, the old men who came to the Golden Gate city in the time of the big gold rush. Victoria will be represented there on that occasion by Capt. Dan McIntosh, the veteran boatman from Point Ellice, who left a few days ago for the south.

Capt. McIntosh came to San Francisco in December of '49, landing on the white sand beach at the corner of Commercial and Montgomery street. He had an interesting career and engaged in many different occupations in that city. His first work was to drive piles and then he built the old saloon near the point where he first landed. Later he drove bulls, hauling out the giant redwoods, some of which went 16 to 18 feet in diameter. He also sold papers in that place, the principal ones being the New York Herald, which had only recently been started, and the Boston Herald. For these he obtained fifty cents each. This was in the palmy days of the place in the year 1850. The papers arrived once a month, and were very highly valued.

In those days gold was everything, as an instance of the allurement it had for all comers, Capt. McIntosh arrived at the Golden Gate on the barque



CAPT. DAN M'INTOSH.
From photo taken in 1875.

Emily. When she arrived the captain and crew of the ship deserted, all anxious to go in search of gold. The barque was left on the beach, and it was some time before she was manned.

"Yes, I made a fortune in California and spent it," said the captain. In '51 he worked on Nigger bar, on the American river, where with a cradle he

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RAILWAY PLANNED FOR GRAHAM ISLAND

Another Company Seeks Charter to Build From Vancouver to Burrard Inlet.

During the coming session of the legislature application will be made for a charter to build a railway on Graham Island, of the Queen Charlotte group.

Wilson, Senkler & Bloomfield, representing the applicants, will ask for a charter to build a line from a point at or near Masset, on the north coast of Graham Island, one of the Queen Charlotte Islands, and east of the entrance to Masset Inlet; thence southerly by the most feasible and practicable route to a point at or near Skidegate, on said Graham Island; thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible and practicable route and along the southwest shore of Masset Inlet to a point at or near Haden Harbor on said Graham Island; and thence westerly, by the most feasible and practicable route, to a point on the west coast of said Graham Island, with authority also to construct, equip, maintain and operate branches from any point on the proposed line or lines not exceeding in any one case fifty (50) miles in length.

F. C. Wade will also apply, on behalf of applicants, to incorporate a company with power to build, construct, maintain and operate a line of railway of standard gauge, to be operated by steam, electricity, or any other power for the carrying of freight, passengers and express: Commencing at a point at or near the city of Vancouver; thence northerly following the valley of Seymour Creek to the water shed north of Loch Lomond, and thence via the valley of the Indian River to the north arm of Burrard Inlet, with power to extend northerly to and through the Pemberton Meadows, and to build a branch line via the valley of Furry Creek to the shore of Howe Sound; and also any other short branches that may be needed to mines in the vicinity of the main line of railway and its branches.

A SUICIDE'S MESSAGE.

"Merry Christmas to the World and Then Good-bye."

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—Lewis Cacabona, a teacher of Italian, committed suicide by gas asphyxiation. He left a note to friends which read: "Be kind enough to defend my name when I am gone. A merry Christmas." George Moody ended his life by drinking poison.

He was a veteran of the civil war. He left a note saying: "If I can't eat Christmas dinner at home, I won't eat any at all. Merry Christmas to the world, and then good-bye."

CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS DAY

SERVICES WERE HELD IN CITY CHURCHES

Hospitals Were Made Happy—Y. M. C. A. Gave Dinner.

Christmas services were held yesterday in many of the churches of the city, and at the Salvation Army headquarters. At the hospitals special concerts were given, while at the Y. M. C. A. some fifty guests were present at the dinner held in the auditorium.

The Christmas services in the various Anglican churches, the Metropolitan church and St. Andrew's (R. C.) cathedral were largely attended, despite the weather.

Christ Church cathedral at 11 o'clock was full of worshippers when the service commenced, and the other churches were similarly attended. Rev. Canon Beanlands read prayers and Rev. Archdeacon Scriven the lessons. The organ was used yesterday for the first time since the improvements were completed upon it by Mr. Roberts.

At St. Barnabas' there was a special service held Thursday evening at 11 o'clock, and again yesterday morning, commencing at 11.30 and closing shortly after 12.30. Rev. E. G. Miller, the rector, officiated, and at the evening service he preached a very appropriate sermon.

The Salvation Army yesterday held two special services, one in the afternoon at 2.30 and the other in the evening.

Services at St. Andrew's (R. C.) cathedral on Christmas day opened at 6 a.m., when the first mass of the day was celebrated, the choir being in attendance. Masses were also celebrated at 6.30, 8, 8.30, and high mass at 10.30, at which Rev. Father Leterme officiated. Rev. Father Caine preached an eloquent sermon on the Feast of the Day. The choir rendered Farmer's mass in B flat in its entirety, which, with the accompaniment of the magnificant new organ, presided over by B. Benedict Bantly, added greatly to the solemnity of the service. Frank J. Sehl acted as conductor for the occasion.

In the Metropolitan and other Methodist churches short services were held in the forenoon.

At the Royal Jubilee hospital yesterday, the patients were recipients of a Christmas dinner, which served to commemorate the day and make pleasant their stay in the hospital. The nurses will in turn enjoy their dinner in their new quarters in the nurses' home, at 6:45 this evening. At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon A. Longfield, the organist of St. Barnabas church, with his skilled bellringers, rendered a performance at the Jubilee hospital to the patients and nurses, which was very greatly enjoyed. The concert was given in the medical, surgical, men's and children's wards. The party of bellringers was composed of the following members of St. Barnabas church: W. Barton, A. Mathen, Albert Jones, J. Bailey and Messrs. Barker and Thomas.

At St. Joseph's hospital the patients partook of a Christmas dinner of roast turkey and cranberry sauce with plum pudding, while the nurses dined in the afternoon and in the evening. In the afternoon the new Dominion organ, the gift of Mr. Kent, of M. W. Waitt & Co., was used for the first time, while in the chapel and the new recreation room Christmas carols and Christmas hymns were sung by the nurses and their friends. The concert was given at 3:30 in the recreation room.

Christmas Day at the W. C. T. U. Mission, was spent in a most enjoyable way, upwards of 100 men sitting down to dinner and supper. There was also a concert given by the friends present.

This evening a mass meeting will be held at 8 o'clock, when Rev. Dr. Spencer, Mrs. Spofford and others will speak. Mr. Henderson will recite, and music will be provided. All men are cordially invited.

At the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon, a dinner was given to the men in Victoria away from home, there being fifty-six present who accounted for seventy-five pounds of turkey. Vice President R. C. Horn presided, and Capt. McIntosh and R. W. Clark, F. Andrews and Secretary Brace addressed the gathering. Mrs. Brace and Mrs. Andrews with the women's auxiliary, Aid. and Mrs. Gleason assisted largely in the event.

Mrs. Gleason recited, George Hodgert sang some Scotch songs, and comic contributions were rendered by Tom Dalzell. The secretary, in his address, took a count of the visitors and found that ninety per cent of them were men who had recently come to Victoria, and were not members of the association. Vice President Horn gave an epitome of the association's work and history.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A PIONEER

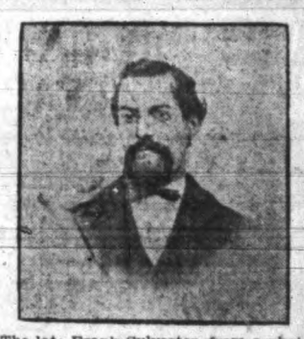
FRANK SYLVESTER DIED LAST EVENING

Was Well Known in City and Took Deep Interest in Early History.

One of the oldest of Victoria's old-timers passed away suddenly last night in the person of Frank Sylvester, who has been connected with the history of the city for half a century.

Mr. Sylvester had been spending the evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. Ellis, and returned to his home, "Firleigh," 1246 Firguard street, about half-past nine. He was in the best of health and spirits and chatted freely with the family for some minutes and left the room to retire for the night. A few minutes later he was found lying on the floor of his room dead. Medical aid was called, but the doctor could only say that death had been instant.

There was general regret felt in the city when the news of Mr. Sylvester's death became known this morning. There is hardly an old-timer here now, except perhaps Hon. Dr. Helmcken, who remembers Victoria without Frank Sylvester. He was identified with the history of the city from its



The late Frank Sylvester, from a photo taken in his early days.

earliest years, and while he refused to accept any office he worked steadfastly all his life in the interests of Victoria. He was always ready to help on every project for the advancement of the city, with money, influence and time, and took a deep interest in all that affected the well-being of the community.

The late Mr. Sylvester was born in New York, in 1837, and crossed the continent to San Francisco when about twenty. At the time of the Cariboo gold excitement, in 1858, he came on north by stage, coming first to Victoria. From here he went up to the Cariboo fields, where he remained for four or five years and met with success. Returning to Victoria he joined the old-time firm of J. P. Davis & Co., the auctioneers, and remained a partner for fifteen years or so. After leaving the firm Mr. Sylvester carried on business alone as an accountant, retiring from active business pursuits some years ago.

Mr. Sylvester married a daughter of his business partner, J. P. Davies. Mrs. Sylvester survives him, with five daughters and three sons—Mrs. A. Ellis, Mrs. Menkins, Mrs. Campbell, Coalfort, Ont., Miss Ruby Sylvester, Miss Louise M. Sylvester and William B., Clarence B., and Jesse P. Sylvester, of the Sylvester Feed Company.

Mr. Sylvester was an enthusiastic naturalist and during his later years his was a familiar figure in his frequent walks through the country about. He was a member of the Natural History Society from its formation and had been secretary for some years. A very interesting series of talks was being given to the society by Mr. Sylvester, dealing with his reminiscences of Victoria and his observations on the flora and fauna of the district. He was also a valued member of the Pioneers' Association.

He was a member of the Jewish congregation. The only fraternal organization with which he was connected was the A. O. U. W., and the members of the city lodges will attend the funeral in a body.

The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house to the Jewish cemetery.

RIVAL SUITORS FIGHT TO DEATH IN DARK

Man Who Tried to Separate Combatants Probably Fatally Wounded.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 26.—A duel to the death with knives in a dark room Christmas eve between two suitors for the hand of 14-year old Julia Pice resulted in the death of Powell Fromich and the serious injury of Michael Milanovitch, who is under arrest on the charge of murder. Fromich's brother was probably fatally stabbed when he attempted to separate the fighting men. The girl was struck by Milanovitch and badly hurt.

Both Fromich and Milanovitch had pressed their suit and, proposed, according to the girl. She refused each in his turn. Each thought the other the cause of his rejection. Both men were boarders in the Pice home.

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—Court Northern Light, A. O. F., at their last meeting initiated new members and held election of officers for the incoming term. The following were elected officers and will be installed into office by district officers, at the quarterly meeting on January 13th: P. C. R., W. A. Hurst; C. R., V. Williams; S. C. R., W. C. White; treasurer, W. P. Smith; secretary, W. F. Fullerton; S. W., W. J. Berryman; J. W., H. Ingram; S. B., A. Brakes; J. B., W. H. Knight; organist, E. Yardley; trustee, P. R. Smith; surgeon, Dr. Geo. Hall. The committee, who are preparing for a benefit concert on behalf of the widow of the late Bro. J. G. Thomson, will announce their programme at the next court meeting.

—The Whatcom came into port yesterday and to-day gay with greenery. A young pine tree was lashed to each masthead, and around the rail on main deck and upper deck were sprays of pine.

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WASHOUT REPORTED ON THE E. & N. LINE

Trains Delayed To-day—Football Games Are Interfered With.

Owing to a washout on the E. & N. line, the location of which is not known owing to the telegraph wires being down, the Nanaimo train did not arrive at noon to-day as scheduled. From latest advices the train cannot be expected here till 4 o'clock. It is thought by the E. & N. officials that the same delay will occur to the northbound, which left Victoria this morning at 9 o'clock.

Each train has a soccer team aboard and it is doubtful if the Nanaimo game will be played. The northbound train this morning took up the Victoria eleven to play Nanaimo, while the southbound train is bringing the Ladysmith junior soccer team scheduled to play the North Ward juniors in the Island league here to-day.

Leonard Tait, president of the North Ward team, said this afternoon that provided the Ladysmith boys come down the match will be played as scheduled, probably commencing about 4 p. m., when two short halves will be agreed upon to keep the game within daylight at the finish.

SYMPATHY FOR LABOR LEADERS

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John W. Lennon, treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, says in a message from Bloomington, Ill.: "No court decision can make you criminals at the bar of public opinion."

Two hundred union farmers of Texas sympathize with the three labor leaders, declares the president of the Farmers' Education and Co-operative Union of Texas, in a message from Fort Worth, and "advise us how to aid you," concluded this official, Mr. McNeil.

"Victory of greed is but temporary; justice will yet prevail," is the way John F. McNamee, editor of the Locomotive Firemen's and Enginemen's Magazine, in a telegram from Indianapolis, expresses himself.

J. A. Franklin, president; Wm. G. Gilthorpe, international secretary-treasurer, and A. Pinsman, of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers at Kansas City, sent a message declaring that Judge Wright's sentence is "unjust." On behalf of the Switchmen's union, F. T. Hawley, president, extends "sympathy and support."

Many other telegrams of a similar import were received.

—D. W. Higgins, the speaker of the mock parliament, has received in recognition of his services a handsome hilow electric lamp and attachments for his private room, from the members. Attorney-General Warren made the presentation and Mr. Higgins pleasantly acknowledged the gift.

—The Dougals street car line was held up for forty minutes this morning owing to a car running off the track at the corner of Douglas street and Pandora avenue. The roadway is in bad shape since the laying of the high-pressure main, and is so soft that the car wheels sank down, making it a difficult matter to get them back on the rails. The Spring Ridge line only escaped a tie-up by a yard or so.

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JACK JOHNSON, WORLD CHAMPION

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chopping his right to the ribs frequently. Johnson during the round landed some terrific blows to the kidneys.

Fourth round—When the men met in the centre of the ring Johnson shot a heavy right into Burns' ribs. The men talked wildly to each other, each seemingly intent on getting the other excited. During the jeering they sparred fiercely, but few blows being struck. Then Johnson swung left to the body and Burns brought his right to the head. Johnson, closing in, threw a terrific right and left to the head of the Canadian. The bell found the men in a hard clinch.

Fifth round—Apparently refreshed by his minute's rest, Burns started the round briskly, landing his right on Johnson's head and punching the body with both hands. Johnson managed to slip over a few rights to the head during the round.

Sixth round—Johnson rushed and Burns clinched. Breaking loose, however, with one hand, Johnson swung his right a dozen times into the white man's ribs. Burns jolted Johnson's body frequently and swung his right hard over the ribs and put a stiff left to the stomach several times. Johnson, however, treated these blows as a joke, laughing at the crowd and making sarcastic remarks to his opponent as he hustled Burns into a corner and scored a couple of rights to the body.

Seventh round — Johnson rushed Burns across the ring, dealing out right in which there was no mercy. Burns got a left to Johnson's jaw, and Johnson raised a lump under Burns' right eye in return. Burns here seemed to be losing strength. Johnson was landing repeatedly on Burns' eye, meanwhile addressing the people around the ringside, and though Tommy was working dexterously at in-fighting he placed several terrific blows to Burns' ribs, dropping him to the floor for a few seconds.

Eighth round—Burns' eyes were puffed up and he was bleeding from the mouth when he emerged from his corner. The white man's blows apparently had little effect on the Texan, who went severely about belaboring the head of the champion.

Ninth round—"Come on, Tommy, swing your right," yelled Johnson as the gong rang. Burns responded by calling the negro a "yellow dog." There was not much fighting—probably more talking—during this round.

Tenth round—Both men semed tiring. Johnson still used his fists effectively on Burns' head and stomach and Burns was doing all he could in reply. His blows, however, lacked steam.

Eleventh round—The perspiration pouring off the body of Johnson made it look not unlike highly polished walnut. Burns tried to cross his right over, but Johnson cleverly avoided him, meanwhile laughing at the champion. Burns is out-classed, and Johnson apparently is invulnerable. When the bell rang Burns limped to his corner.

Twelfth round—Johnson continued to play for the injured eye and the bleeding mouth of Burns, which was swollen to twice its normal size. Blow after blow of the colored man rained upon him, and the gong alone saved him from defeat, for he was reeling and groggy as it rang. During the intermission between the thirteenth and fourteenth rounds the police officials consulted and the probability was that they would stop the fight in the next round.

Referee McIntosh went to Burns' corner and had a talk with the champion, who declared that he was strong. McIntosh then asked the police not to interfere.

Fourteenth round — Johnson went right after Burns, when time was called. Burns warily backed away, but Johnson, following him up, dropped Burns with a right to the head. "One, two, three," slowly counted the referee, and Burns remained down until eight seconds had been reeled off. When he arose Johnson flew at him like a tiger, and, using both hands, unmercifully, soon had the champion tottering. The police then jumped into the ring and stopped the fight.

The referee immediately declared Johnson the winner. He added that he considered it the best fight he ever had witnessed in Australia and that both men had fought most fairly.

KILLED IN AUTO RACE.

Disastrous Ending to Attempt to Take Curve at Terrific Speed.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 26.—As a result of a wild automobile race on the boulevard, yesterday, one man was instantly killed and another man and two young women were severely injured. The accident occurred a short distance from San Leandro.

The dead man is William L. Mowry, the chauffeur.

Mowry with his party was racing with another machine driven by John Morgan. The former machine came to grief on a sharp and dangerous double turn which Mowry attempted to make while going at terrific speed.

ACCIDENT ON INTERURBAN

Unknown Man Sustains Injuries in Seattle Which May Prove Fatal.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 26.—The Seattle-Renton interurban train that arrived here at 6:15 last night struck an unknown man who was apparently trying to cross the track in the vicinity of Connecticut street and First avenue south, throwing him several feet to one side of the track and causing injuries, possibly a fracture of the skull, which may prove fatal. The train ran about thirty feet before stopping, although a breaking of glass was heard by people in the cars. In addition to the possible fracture of the skull he sustained a broken leg.

Dr. Hiram M. Read, who attended him at Providence hospital, where he was taken, said last night that the man was still unconscious. A half bottle of whisky and 25 cents were found in his pockets, but no paper or any sign of identification was found on him by which he could be identified.

The grape is one-seventh sugar, the apple only one-fourteenth.

WILD GUSTS OF WIND PLAYED HAVOC IN CITY

Yesterday's Storm Has Left Victoria Isolated With Respect to Wires.

Yesterday was characterized by a succession of storms which did considerable damage in the city. The wind at times reached a velocity of 60 miles, although between gusts the day was pleasant—the sun shining and the air balmy and summer like. Sudden storms however marred the pleasure of the day for those who had to be abroad.

The storm was forecasted the night before by a low pressure extending along the Vancouver Island coast and it is believed at the meteorological station that the worst storms will be found to have raged along the island coast.

Electric wires, however, suffered unmercifully at the hands of the storm, and all telegraphic communication has been cut off by both the C. P. R and Western Union lines. The wires in both instances are down on the island. The long-distance telephone is also out of business and many local telephone lines are not working.

Along the waterfront the scene yesterday was an exceedingly wild one. The waters off the Dallas road lashed against the shore line. The water was dashed up onto the road and threatened the sea wall opposite Oswego street. Part of the wall is reported to be undermined and left in bad shape. Not for years has there been such a wild scene off the Dallas road.

Windows were broken in several houses. Falling branches broke electric wires, and in one instance a dog was killed from seizing a live wire.

In the city signs suffered. The Driard perhaps had the worst experience. Its electric sign on the roof was bent over and laid prostrate on the roof. At the same time the hanging sign on the corner of Broad and View streets was twisted out of business.

In shipping circles the warning of a weather prophet on the Sound that there would be severe storms on the 23rd, the 25th and again on the 28th is receiving some attention. The first two have come, but the prophet's warning was that the last one would be the worst. Shipping men are on the look out for it.

Twenty-four years ago yesterday is reported to have been a terrific storm all along the coast.

SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Edwards Celebrate Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Marriage.

Yesterday S. W. Edwards of the Canadian customs department and Mrs. Edwards celebrated their silver wedding. Guests to the number of about thirty were present, and among the number was the groomsman who attended on the day of the wedding, Thomas Booz. A very pleasant evening was spent by the many friends who were present as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards.

ALARMS NOT WORKING.

Ivory Island Fog Signal Damaged—Stenhouse Buoy Missing.

The fog alarm building on Ivory island in Melbank Sound has been damaged so as to be out of use. The Stenhouse Shoal gas buoy is also missing.

The department of marine and fisheries has issued notices relative to these as follows:

Captain Holmes Newcomb, of the Canadian government fishery protection steamer Kestrel, reports the fog alarm building at Ivory island damaged by the sea, and the fog signal out of commission. This signal will not be operated until repairs have been effected.

Captain Charles Moore, of the fishery protection steamer Restless, reports the Stenhouse Shoal gas buoy missing. This buoy will be replaced as soon as practicable.

—The winning number for the Teddy Bear raffle at the Windsor grocery is 75. The holder may now claim the prize.

—The safe of the Prince saloon was looted sometime yesterday morning between the time the bartenders left after cleaning up and opening time. About $400 is said to have been secured. The police are working on the case but have little to work on.

—The death occurred this morning of Charlotte Russell, wife of C. C. Russell, of 1622 Douglas street. The deceased was 52 years of age, and had lived in Victoria for many years. She was a native of New Zealand. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

—Steamer Venture of the Boscowitz line will not sail until Monday for northern B. C. ports. This vessel will be the only one of the Boscowitz ships plying in northern waters for some time to come. Trade up there is not very brisk at present.

—E. W. Dawson celebrated Christmas by drinking too much and going into the W. C. T. U. mission to raise a disturbance. He was borne with for some time and moral suasion tried, but when this failed, and in view of former trouble from the same source, the police were notified. While Dawson was being held awaiting the patrol he deliberately put his foot through two panes of plate glass, worth $4. It took four men to hold him quiet. This morning he was fined $5 and the cost of the damage, or ten days in jail. He pleaded that he had been too drunk to remember anything, but the evidence was that he knew what he was doing.

Steamer Vadso is still on the Victoria Machinery Company's ways, but it is expected that she will be ready to leave for the west coast early in the week to load fertilizer for California.

DIED.

SYLVESTER—At the family residence, 1246 Fisguard street, on the 25th inst., Frank Sylvester, a native of New York, aged 71 years.

The funeral will take place on Monday, the 28th, at 2 p. m., from the above residence.

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TO RENT—Small cottage on Head street. Apply Donegan.

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FUNERAL NOTICE.

All brothers of Victoria Lodge No. 1, and sister lodges, are requested to meet at residence, 1246 Fisguard street, at 2 p. m. Monday, 28th inst., to attend funeral of our late brother, F. Sylvester.

By order
G. GAWLEY, M. W.

W. C. Stewart

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Mayoralty and other candidates are invited to address the meeting.

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TENDERS.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned at Ottawa, and marked on the envelope, "Tender for supplies, British Columbia," will be received up to noon of the FIFTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1909, for supplying the ship chandlery, groceries and provisions required for the Canadian Government steamers in the British Columbia Agency, during the season of 1909, and also for supplying the stores required for the lighthouses in that Agency, consisting of soap, brushes, brooms, paints, dry goods, etc.

The supplies furnished must be of a good quality and must be delivered in accordance with the specification prepared by the Agent of the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Victoria, B. C., from whom specifications may be obtained. All supplies delivered must be approved by the Agent of the Department and the Officers of the Government steamers, otherwise they will not be accepted.

The Department reserves the right to accept the whole or any part of a tender.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered Canadian Bank for the sum of $300, which amount will be forfeited if the successful tenderer declines to deliver the supplies at the tender prices.

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G. J. DESBARATS,
Acting Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries.
Department of Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa, 9th December, 1908.

TIMES WANT ADS. PAY

Notce is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at the next session thereof, for an Act to incorporate a Company to be named "The Victoria and Barclay Sound Railway Company," with the following powers: (1) To construct, equip and operate a line of railway from Victoria, by way of Otter Point and San Juan, to a point on Barclay Sound near Sarita River, including branch lines not more than twelve miles in length; (2) to operate a steam ferry between Beecher Bay, on the Straits of Juan de Fuca, or some other point adjacent thereto, and some point on the said Straits within the United States of America; (3) to construct, acquire and navigate steam and other vessels for the conveyance of passengers and merchandise in connection with its undertaking; (4) to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines along its railway, and to collect tolls for the transmission of messages thereon; (5) acquire and utilize water and steam power for the purpose of compressing air or generating electricity, and to dispose of surplus power not required for the purposes of the Company; (6) acquire electric or other power or energy, and to transmit the same to any place in the municipalities through which the railway is authorized to be built, and to dispose of any surplus not required for the purposes of the Company; (7) to construct any of its railway bridges for the use of carriages and foot passengers also, and to charge tolls for the same. That such railway may be declared to be for the general advantage of Canada.

Victoria, B. C., 19th November, 1908.
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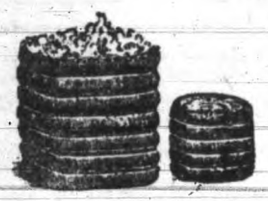
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BUILDING WAS ACTIVE IN VICTORIA THIS YEAR

Great Increase In Number of Structures, Particularly Dwellings---Total Value About Same as 1907.

The building activity of the year forms a record of which all Victorians must feel proud. While the financial depression cut down work in other cities by one-quarter or even one-half here it had scarcely any effect. As a matter of fact, although the value of the buildings for which permits have been granted was some eight or ten per cent. below the figures for 1907 the number of buildings shows an increase of sixty per cent. This is due almost entigely to an interesting feature of the year's construction—work—the marked increase in the erection of dwelling houses.

As has been remarked in a former article on the subject, dwellings have gone up literally by the hundred this year, and while these are all substantial and comfortable homes their value does not bulk as largely in the building inspector's returns as business blocks or industrial structures.

Up to to-day the total value of buildings for which permits have been issued this year is $1,121,140. In the present month the value has been $103,425.

The manner in which building activity has kept up this year is remarkable. Towards the end of the year the officials always look for a cessation in the taking out of permits, but this month owners and builders have been active, and December will rank fourth or fifth in comparison with other months.

In addition to the construction work for which the building inspector has issued permits the Dominion government is doing $80,000 worth of building in the city, for which permits had not to be taken out. The new immigration building at the outer wharf is costing $60,000, and the additions to the post office $20,000. Then under the head of ordinary repair work there has probably been $100,000 spent throughout the city.

In the suburbs also a great amount of building has been going on, but as the permit system has only been in force lately there is no exact record for the year. In Oak Bay and South Saanich municipalities it is estimated by builders competent to speak there must have been between $80,000 and $90,000 of building done.

In Esquimalt there is estimated to have been work done to the value of some $20,000.

The number and value of the permits issued month by month was as follows:

Month.	Permits.	Value.
January	36	$ 54,725
February	44	73,315
March	58	110,800
April	52	128,125
May	39	79,735
June	46	74,010
July	54	106,080
August	60	122,770
September	38	53,630
October	54	99,735
November	47	104,710
December (to 26th)	37	103,425
Total	565	$1,121,140
Repairs (estimated)		$ 100,000
Immigrant hall		60,000
Post office addition		20,000
In suburbs (estimated)		100,000
Total for year		$1,401,140

In the last fifteen years new buildings have been erected in Victoria to an aggregate value of almost eight and a quarter million dollars, so far as the records at the city hall go. There is this to be noted about the records, however, that until four years ago the necessity for taking out a permit only applied within the fire limits, whereas now the by-law applies to the whole city. Neither federal nor provincial governments take out permits, so all public buildings, including the parliament buildings, have to be added to this total. It is quite within the mark to say that ten million dollars worth of new buildings have gone up since 1894.

The details, which will serve to show how the city has grown in this respect, are as follows:

	Buildings.	Value.
1908, to Dec. 26th	565	$1,401,140
1907	349	1,490,250
1906	140	699,300
1905	135	554,350
1904	146	607,154
1903	86	337,940
1902	91	370,300
1901	91	379,300
1900	69	293,850
1899	46	255,500
1898	48	216,000
1897	31	334,800
1896	37	290,000
1895	47	419,500
1894	53	322,000

The permits issued during 1908 were, in detail, as follows:

Victoria Machinery Depot Co., foundry, Esquimalt road, $25,000.

Aged Women's Home, McClure street, $19,000.

E. Mahon, Mahon block, Government street, rebuilding, $19,000.

Victoria Transfer Company, stables, Broughton street, $14,000.

Jubilee Hospital, nurses' home, Fort street, $14,000.

Chinese Girl's Rescue Home, Cormorant street, $13,000.

W. J. Mable, factory, Johnson street, $12,000.

Victoria Truck & Dray Co., stables, Broughton street, $10,000.

Hong Tick, dwellings, Chatham street, $8,500.

Victoria-Prince Rupert Meat Co., stores, Johnson street, $8,000.

John Meston, carriage factory, Broad street, $7,000.

George S. Russell, additions, Pandora avenue, $300.

H. T. Knott, dwelling, Chambers street, $1,900.

Moore & Co., dwelling, Chamberry Gardens, $2,800.

Prudential Co., outhouses, Blanchard street, $2,800.

F. T. Newberger, outhouses, Johnson street, $350.

Mary Russell, additions, Rock Bay, $400.

J. E. Musgrave, barn, Johnson street, $100.

J. H. McGregor, tool house, North Park street, $100.

W. Marchant, dwelling, Fort street, $3,000.

W. J. Beamish, dwelling, Prior street, $300.

H. T. Knott, dwelling, Niagra street, $3,000.

A. J. S. Johns, dwelling, Burnside road, $1,350.

A. Thompson, dwelling, Duchess street, $1,200.

D. C. McKenzie, dwelling, private road, $175.

Popham Bros., factory, Mary street, $1,200.

Gowen & Williams, saloon, Government street, $400.

R. Lewis, dwelling, Topaz street, $1,500.

A. McCrimmon, dwelling, Medana street, $3,000.

Jane Noble, dwelling, Chatham street, $750.

D. R. Alcorn, dwelling, Garbally road, $1,500.

James Lyons, dwelling, North street, $150.

J. Voelpil, dwelling, View street, $400.

Wm. Hocking, dwelling, Toronto street, $3,000.

R. L. Doble, dwelling, Simcoe street, $1,200.

J. O. Turnbull, dwelling, Pandora avenue, $2,400.

Moore & Whittington, warehouse, View street, $600.

A. H. Charles, dwelling, Fort street, $2,500.

J. M. Mellis, store, Ladysmith street, $700.

D. J. Butler, dwelling, Fairfield road, $1,900.

Richard Gray, creamery, Johnson street, $2,500.

L. Goodacre, stores, Johnson street, $4,500.

F. Payne, stores, Ontario street, $500.

D. E. Campbell, bowling alley, Douglas street, $2,600.

W. H. Smith, additions, Fairfield road, $100.

St. John's church, Sunday school, Herald street, $3,800.

S. Fraser, dwelling, Shakespeare street, $300.

F. J. Schroeder, dwelling, Luxton street, $1,900.

H. W. Hescott, dwelling, Fisguard street, $1,975.

E. Musgrave, additions, Superior street, $1,300.

McPherson & Co., dwelling, Craigflower road, $1,600.

P. Englehart, additions, Rockland avenue, $100.

Mrs. Bellanger, additions, Hereward street, $200.

Mrs. Stilwell, dwelling, Ontario street, $1,600.

A. N. Snelling, dwelling, Ontario street, $1,600.

Mrs. Schroeder, additions, Chambers street, $250.

Geo. Calder, dwelling, Niagara street, $1,950.

H. Earle, kitchen, Moss street, $200.

Maria Denny, dwelling, McClure street, $3,500.

T. H. Slater, dwelling, Cowan street, $1,900.

John J. Sparrow, dwelling, Queens street, $3,800.

Wm. Hill, barn, Fisguard street, $150.

Albert Onions, additions, Beach street, $175.

T. Lewis, dwelling, Beach street, $175.

G. S. Brown, dwelling, Harbinger street, $1,900.

Louis Mayor, dwelling, Moss street, $1,000.

Jas. Oxendale, dwelling, Michigan street, $2,800.

Jno. W. Elliott, dwelling, Quadra street, $2,800.

T. S. McPherson, dwelling, McPherson street, $1,800.

J. H. Warner, factory, Fisguard street, $1,000.

T. S. Gardner, dwelling, Graham street, $300.

Gray, Hamilton Co., dwellings, Fernwood road, $3,700.

Clara Webber, dwelling, Cameron street, $100.

Wm. Leitch, dwelling, Davie street, $1,950.

H. T. Knott, dwelling, South Werner street, $2,500.

C. F. Russell, dwelling, San Juan street, $1,900.

H. E. G. Jones, dwelling, St. Lawrence street, $1,200.

E. Simpson, dwelling, Cedar Hill road, $700.

R. Hetherington, dwelling, Hilda street, $1,800.

J. P. Burgess, dwelling, Hulton street, $1,900.

J. Finmore, dwelling, Wilson street, $2,200.

Ella Cooness, dwelling, Johnson street, $190.

Ella M. Harris, dwelling, King's road, $2,400.

John Gibson, dwelling, Prior street, $1,800.

G. S. Carr, dwelling, St. Andrew's street, $3,100.

Moore & Co., dwelling, St. Andrew's street, $1,800.

E. Muriset, dwelling, Medana street, $2,100.

J. F. Green, dwelling, Johnson street, $2,500.

W. S. P. Clarke, shop, Cross street, $400.

S. Cameron, shop, Cross street, $250.

C. F. S. Deacon, dwelling, Manchester street, $2,500.

G. Curtiss, dwelling, Rupert street, $3,600.

T. H. Williams, dwelling, Mt. Tolmie road, $600.

J. E. Gray, dwelling, South Turner street, $2,800.

Al. Langdale, dwelling, Ontario street, $1,000.

A. Turner, dwelling, Dominion road, $1,500.

Hugh F. Grant, dwelling, Pandora avenue, $1,950.

Mrs. Levy, dwelling, Vancouver street, $700.

W. H. Knight, dwelling, Lewis street, $1,800.

W. R. Fletcher, dwelling, Catherine street, $1,500.

Robert Carter, additions, John street, $100.

Arthur Combe, kitchen, Bushby street, $250.

John Bridford, kitchen, North road, $250.

Chas. E. Brown, dwelling, Carrol street, $1,800.

Mrs. Killican, dwelling, View street, $1,950.

Peter Levelle, dwelling, Chatham street, $4,000.

John W. Black, stable, View street, $150.

Thos. Plimley, dwelling, Douglas street, $850.

Mrs. L. M. White, dwelling, Gorge road, $2,600.

Mrs. M. Dempster, dwelling, Blanchard street, $400.

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Mrs. F. M. McLean, dwelling, McKenzie street, $1,500.

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Ernest Hayward, dwelling, Princess street, $1,800.

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Jalland Bros., barn, Oliphant street, $400.

P. Robinson, dwelling, Fort street, $1,200.

Wm. Neal, dwelling, Quadra street, $500.

H. E. Levy, dwelling, Superior street, $3,900.

A. Gray, dwelling, Arm street, $1,000.

Annie Martin, dwelling, Hillside avenue, $400.

Miss Tidbury, dwelling, Johnson street, $2,500.

H. E. Barnard, dwelling, Graham street, $2,400.

H. E. Levy, dwelling, John street, $2,600.

S. Prins, dwelling, Hillside avenue, $2,600.

Mrs. Walker, dwelling, Dallas road, $3,000.

Mrs. F. A. Bradley, dwelling, Courtney street, $2,150.

Jas. Reid, dwelling, Fisguard street, $1,800.

Dr. Verninder, dwellings, Verninder street, $6,000.

S. Lawrie, dwelling, Simcoe street, $1,950.

J. P. Walls, dwelling, Superior street, $950.

R. Nicholson, dwelling, Alfred street, $1,900.

Mrs. G. Simpson, dwelling, St. John street, $1,450.

R. Kelsall, dwelling, Empire street, $450.

Chu Lai, additions, Cormorant street, $200.

Moore & Whittington, dwelling, Craigflower road, $1,950.

Jno. Sheppard, dwelling, Superior street, $2,500.

Ada M. Sears, dwelling, Belmont street, $2,500.

Frank W. Webb, dwelling, Fisguard street, $1,800.

Clara Pelletier, dwellings, Chatham street, $8,400.

Mrs. J. Steitz, dwelling, North Park street, $2,800.

H. Cooper, dwelling, Dunedin street, $2,000.

John B. Tubman, dwelling, Camosun street, $1,950.

Joseph Parker, dwelling, Moss street, $1,500.

John Mortimer, shed, Courtenay street, $1,000.

P. E. Toneri, dwelling, Gladstone street, $200.

Bickerdike Co., laundry, Yates street, $400.

B. Knight, dwelling, Avalon street, $1,900.

E. Rogers, dwelling, Simcoe street, $300.

A. A. Newton, dwelling, Edmonton road, $150.

William Lang, dwelling, View street, $3,600.

W. J. Bucket, dwelling, Linden avenue, $2,800.

Mrs. Boucher, dwelling, Graham street, $1,200.

A. S. Snow, dwelling, Ladysmith, street, $300.

Alex. McDonald, stable, Clarence street, $100.

Mrs. Piggot, dwelling, Belmont street, $125.

Mrs. Balfour, dwelling, Graham street, $2,500.

Wm. McGregor, dwelling, Hillside street, $2,000.

Edward Munton, dwelling, Market street, $1,000.

Chas. A. Colston, dwelling, Amphion street, $1,975.

A. W. Elliott, dwelling, Pandora avenue, $1,850.

J. H. Griffiths, dwelling, Caledonia avenue, $1,400.

W. T. Baker, stable, Ladysmith street, $100.

W. Renhallwick, kitchen, Prior street, $200.

Empress Theatre, Government street, $500.

R. Carter, dwelling, John street, $2,500.

P. Hetherington, dwelling, Johnson street, $3,800.

A. McIloride, store, Gorge road, $250.

H. Hassenfratz, dwelling, Belmont avenue, $200.

Ling Wah, washhouse, Cormorant street, $150.

John Porter, kitchen, Frances avenue, $350.

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A CURB FOR JACK FROST.

It was not for a considerable number of years after the region known as the Great Lone Land had been incorporated in the Canadian Confederation that the true value of that vast inland empire became known. There was never any doubt respecting the richness of the soil or of its capacity to grow grains of all kinds and of a superior quality. But the country was subject to early frosts, which might fall just at the wrong time and destroy the fruits of a whole season's labor. It will be remembered that several large companies were formed for the purpose of carrying on the useful business of agriculture upon an extensive scale, and that they all came to grief. The shortness of the growing season was a factor they either did not take into account at all or failed to provide against by sowing the right kind of seed. Those things occurred in the early days of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and created a depression which continued for a long time. The problem which had to be solved was the development of seed suited to the climate. It has not been completely solved yet, as all know who have had experience of the anxiety betrayed by prairie farmers towards the middle of August when the wheat is in the "milk" and the mercury in the glass is nightly scanned with inquiring eyes.

But the scientific agriculturist, who has accomplished marvellous works for the benefit of the working Canadian farmer, has been devoting special attention and carrying out some interesting experiments for the express purpose of overcoming the handicap of climate in the Northwest. One of the best known of these experimenters is Dr. Charles E. Saunders, of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa, who has been described as the Burbank of the cereal world. In an address recently delivered in the East Dr. Saunders outlined what he believed he had accomplished for the benefit of the wheat growers of the fertile prairies.

Commenting upon the discourse of the Doctor, an Eastern paper points out that the season of frost and that of the ripening of Western grain are never far apart, and frequently they cross. And when they do cross, a harvest failure with all its disastrous consequences follows. What the scientists of the Dominion Experimental Farm have been endeavoring to do for years past is to widen the distance between these two lines—to produce a wheat which will have all the hardness of that for which Manitoba is famous, and will ripen before the frost king approaches. In doing this several different varieties have been "crossed," that is inter-bred, one lot possessing the early maturing quality and the other the hardness so much desired. In Dr. Saunders' address the hope was expressed that the object in view has at last been achieved, and that the West will soon have a wheat that will combine the highest milling quality with the capacity to mature before danger of freezing occurs. If this object really has been attained it will mean more for Canada than the building of a trans-continental railway.

What is being done and attempted along this and other lines at the Dominion Experimental Farm, with Dominion objects in view, is being duplicated at the Ontario Agricultural College along provincial lines. Through the Agricultural College new varieties of grain have been brought in which have added enormously to the output of Ontario agriculture. It is probably not going too far to say that the Mandscheuri barley brought in through that institution has alone been worth as much to the farmers of the province as the college has cost since its inception. Cross-breeding has been practiced here, too, and some of the results are most encouraging. At the meeting of the Experimental Union, a Union through which co-operative experiments are carried on by some 4,000 farmers afflicted with the college work, to be held next week, these experiments and other matters will be discussed and much profit gained thereby.

A PROSPEROUS CANADIAN BANK.

Canadian banks, by reason of their proverbial conservatism, are regarded not only at home, but in the United States, and even in Great Britain the seat of careful financiering, as model institutions of their kind. The report of the annual meeting of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, published in another column, shows that the management of that concern anticipated a period of depression and made a wise and careful provision against it. The wisdom of the foresight thus displayed was evidently fully appreciated by the directorate. The financial stringency recently experienced, fortunately, did not strike Canada as hard as it did some other countries. Yet it was sufficiently acute to warrant the safeguards taken to meet it. The result was that the temporary pressure was passed through practically without serious inconvenience to the customers of the bank, although the business of the year proved quite satisfactory from the point of view of the shareholders. The precautions alluded to included holding a somewhat larger amount than usual of the assets either in cash, in securities or in loans that could be immediately realised upon. The object of this precaution, as has been pointed out, was to enable the bank to instantly meet any or all calls which its connections might give rise to. This course involved a slight sacrifice of present earning power for the benefit of the general community. The natural result has been to increase the confidence of the public in the stability and soundness not only of the Merchants' Bank, but in all the institutions engaged in a similar line of business. It was, therefore, natural that the general manager of the bank, Mr. Hebden, should receive the commendation of his directors for the safe, sound and careful policy he had pursued. The result of the operations of the year, notwithstanding, proved eminently satisfactory.

The profits, on a paid-up capital of $6,000,000, were $788,597. They were used, $480,000 in the payment of dividend of 8 per cent., $100,000 in reduction of the bank premises item in the assets, and $25,000 was contributed to the officers' pension fund. The balance was carried to the good of profit and loss. The bank, whose capital is supported by a rest of $4,000,000, has assets of $56,598,625, held, as said before, in shape to meet whatever conditions may arise. The likelihood of anything untoward turning up is, however, daily growing less. The directors were able in their report to say that a clearer financial outlook has supervened and they look for a general revival of trade. Their caution in the past has put the bank in a position to benefit to the full in the increased demand for bankers' assistance that improved trade conditions will bring.

Some American newspapers are doing their utmost to prove that President Roosevelt is quite as badly intoxicated by the strong waters of power as the Kaiser of Germany was previous to the application of the gold cure by the Reichstag. The New York World prints a story to the effect that in one of his equestrian expeditions, accompanied by a distinguished party, the president encountered a company of schoolgirls, also mounted. The young ladies swept by the presidential party at a gallop, conduct which the chief of the nation considered incompatible with his dignity. Mr. Roosevelt put the spurs to his steed, overtook the offenders, whipped one of their horses, endangering the seat of the rider, and administered a sharp rebuke to the whole party. The tale may not be true; if it is, it shows that his Majesty of the first American dynasty should, in accordance with the prerogative of royalty, be accorded a bodyguard. But that will not be provided by the present congress, which has a feud with the president.

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Here is something worthy of the serious consideration of the dairymen of British Columbia: Many farmers believe that dandelions increase the yield of milk and, consequently, that the presence of dandelions in pastures and meadows is rather desirable than otherwise. A Belgian investigator, J. P. Wagner, has shown the incorrectness of this opinion which, he says, is founded wholly on a false analogy, suggested by the milky juice of the dandelion. According to Wagner, the presence of dandelions in large numbers in pastures exerts a very deleterious effect on the quality of the butter and is one of the numerous causes of the difficulty of making butter of fine flavor and good keeping qualities in spring and early summer. The presence of large quantities of dandelions in hay has a similar effect. Hence Wagner advises farmers to weed their pastures, whenever it is practicable to do so.

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The Colonist, we gather, does not approve of the party caucus. Yet the government of Premier McBride, which our contemporary periodically eulogizes as the very incarnation of political wisdom and public rectitude, will hold a caucus on the opening day of the legislative session.

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An increase of about twenty-five per cent. in the business of the post office this year compared with last is the best possible evidence of the growth of Victoria.

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Canadians are told by the Colonist that as they live in a glass house they must not throw stones at the alleged boodlers of the Pittsburg municipal council. The people of Canada will probably permit citizens of Pittsburg, Pa., to clean out their stables after their own fashion. But of course the suggestion, born of political malice, is that some of the public men of Canada have been besmirched by recent revelations in the Marine and Fisheries Department. As a matter of fact the Colonist knows, or ought to know it, it has read the evidence brought out before Judge Cassels understandingly, that the name of not a single member of the government has been connected discreditably with the crooked transactions in connection with the administration of the Marine and Fisheries Department.

As far as outward indications go, the Prince Rupert Empire is one of the most prosperous newspapers printed in the Dominion of Canada.

What Other People Think

A WORM WIGGLES.

To the Editor: Far be from me the presumption of even dreaming of disparaging the time-honored custom, prevalent in Victoria since the very earliest times of the city's history, of leaving pitch holes of greater or less intensity at irregular intervals along the roadway of your streets. At the same time it must be confessed that to those who have much driving to do in the suburbs and outskirts of the city, the practice involves certain inconveniences. In the day time one meets these fine old landmarks and passes them by on the most distant terms possible. But in the dark it is hard always to recognize the appearance of even an acquaintance of many years standing. The drastic and radical measure of sending a man around with a wagonload of gravel and a shovel being apparently ultra vires of the Victoria city council, I would suggest that a small red electric light be placed at each one of these yawning solutions of continuity in the surface of the roadway. These glow worms when lighted at night would furnish a fairy-like and fantastic effect, which would add greatly to the attractions of this place as a tourist resort and would provide a job for one or two worthy old timers as watchmen and caretakers.

I know very well that as a mere resident in the country I am out of court in making any such suggestion, but though we do not pay taxes, we bumpkins spend quite a bit of money in town and I think the city fathers ought to evince some slight consideration for our springs and axles, to say nothing of our own personal internal arrangements.

I believe myself it would pay your storekeepers to compel the city council to put their roadways in decent shape. The fact that my family has for some time past been dealing for dry goods almost exclusively with eastern departmental stores by mail and the further fact that a co-operative syndicate will very likely be formed in this district in the near future to purchase groceries for its members by the wholesale are not entirely disconnected; it is time with the extortionate prices charged in the Victoria stores but the misery and discomfort entailed by the necessity of frequent trips over the assorted amalgamation of rocks, quagmires and mudholes, which constitute what is facetiously known as a road in the outskirts of your corporation limits, are powerful factors in the case as well. Your store-keepers possibly think that the state of your streets cuts no figure because we poor mossbacks cannot get away from trading with them anyhow. But they should remember that even a worm will make a wiggle sometimes.

G. E. GROGAN.
Mount Tolmie, Dec. 24, 1908.

YESTERDAY'S DINNER.

The cloth had just blown off his umbrella,
His "topper" alighted with a dull thud
He smiled just like a jolly good fellow
As he rescued his hat from the mud.

The stick of his divorced "gamp" he kept,
Over the sight of which he almost wept,
His "lid" looked conspicuously marked
As upon his journey he re-embarked.

A Christmas dinner stared him in the face,
Though he was forced to earn it by a weary chase.
His way led him to where civic funds were saved,
In as much as the street was not yet paved.

A temporary walk had been laid.
Although the taxes had been paid.
He gently stepped off the last plank,
When into the mire his both feet sank.

Visions of flaming pudding floated before his eyes;
Behind the skeleton of a "gobbler" of enormous size;
He had experienced an awful fright,
Imagining he had to remain for the night.

By the feel of the stuff, it was sticky clay,
It might have been "Seccotine," he couldn't say;
To strengthen his doubt,
The corner light went out.

He reflected, this is no place for a comfortable seat
Or for granting concessions,
So with a mighty effort he liberated his feet
And left two giant impressions.

One thing, though, he entirely forgot,
That his rubbers were left in the holes to rot;
However, with little more trouble,
He arrived at his host's, with joy to over-bubble.

As soon as he was sighted by the merry guests
He was made the subject of many jests,
Which he took with right good grace,
As the tempting morsels he began to efface.

This is as far as his memory went,
For at the end he couldn't go—he was sent;
His fate being held in abeyance
Until he reached home in a conveyance.

Now he feels like a repentant sinner,
Whilst every line in his face spells—too much dinner.

PLUM PUDDING.

Xmas, 1908.

FOR HIM WHO COMES AFTER.

(Toronto Star.)

Wives of dead men all remind us to insure for all we can, and departing leave behind us money for some other man.

"Do you think that Miss Kidder was having fun with me?" asked Chawlie.

"Well, old chap, give me the details," was Awthur's response.

"You see, I had my bull terrier with me. And I said to her, 'That dog knows as much as I do.' And she said, 'Don't you think five dollars was too much to pay for him?'"—Cleveland Leader.

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REUNION OF FORTY-NINERS

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washed shining gold from the sand. He spent the money he made and then a few years later went to the mines again. In 1858 he first saw the beautiful shores of Victoria, a very crude village at that time. He was en route to the Fraser, where he expected to make another fortune. His hopes were not destined to be fulfilled this time, for the captain got stranded at Yale and found it difficult to get back to the coast. He then went down to Nevada, and was one of the locators of the Eureka mine. He made a good deal of money there, but as usual went away broke.

Tonopah and Goldfields, or rather the place where those towns now stand, was the next sojourning place for the restless miner. There he saw another man make $50,000 right at his doorstep in a place which he had walked over hundred of times.

Later the captain got a sloop and 44 years ago carried the mails between Seattle and Port Blakely. At that time Seattle was but a village of 250 inhabitants. He also took the last mail that was carried by sailing craft to Whatcom. He was engaged to do this by Jack Cosgrave, commonly known as Humboldt Jack. He also made two trips from Port Townsend to Neah Bay. Between Port Townsend and Port Angeles the monthly mail amounted to two newspapers and one letter. Then came the steamer Dispatch, which took the business from the sailing craft.

His next venture was carrying freight between Port Townsend and San Juan, also including Victoria in his itinerary. Tiring of the seafaring life he sold the sloop and bought a farm on San Juan, near Mack's Landing. But the prosaic character of this sort of life did not suit Dan. He stayed there two years, and at the end of that time bought another sloop and carried freight between the American Islands and the Fraser river. This sloop was sold to the Indians at Neah Bay, and then the captain came to Victoria and started a boathouse in James Bay. He has been living in the city ever since, 25 years in all, and is now looked upon as one of the oldest old-timers in the city.

Captain McIntosh is 77 years of age, but he is still hale and hearty, and may be expected to enjoy life for many years to come.

AIRSHIP SANTA CLAUS.

Roy Knabenshue Makes Flight Over Christmas Diners at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—Roy Knabenshue made a remarkable flight in his airship yesterday afternoon, leaving Chutes park at 4 o'clock and making a trip over the Y. M. C. A. building to give the hundreds of children entertained there an opportunity to see the Christmas Saint sailing in the air.

George Dessler, Knabenshue's engineer, was costumed as Santa Claus.

The airship was so near the roof that its passengers could easily see the remnants of the dinner upon the tables on the roof.

Madame Lillian Nordica was an interested spectator of the flight, and after the landing she congratulated Knabenshue on his success in navigating the air.

A CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—While helping his mother trim a Christmas tree, Earl Locke, three years of age, playfully picked up an old revolver and said to his mother, "Shoot me, Mother." The mother, unaware that the revolver was loaded, pulled the trigger and shot the child through the heart, killing him instantly. The revolver had been lying about the house for six months, and only one chamber was loaded.

DORANDO WINS RELAY.

Half a Lap Ahead in Twelve-Mile Race at Fall River, Mass.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 26.—In a twelve-mile exhibition relay race at the athletic grounds in this city yesterday Dorando Pietri, the Italian runner, defeated Floyd Dougherty, of Providence, and Samuel Myers, of Cambridge, by half a lap. Dorando's time was 1.03.39; that of the Dougherty-Myers team was 1.04.18.

A large crowd watched the contest. Dougherty ran against the Italian in the first six miles and finished the first lap a few yards in the lead. Dorando took the lead in the second lap and was never again headed. At the end of the sixth mile the Italian's lead was three-quarters of a lap.

Myers then came on the track and by fast work cut down Dorando's lead to a quarter of a lap. Dorando by the end of the eleventh mile, however, was half a lap ahead and maintained this lead to the finish.

PERSONAL

Mrs. (Dr.) Milne and her niece, Miss Claudia Hall, leave to-morrow evening via C. P. R. for Toronto. Miss Hall is entering Havergal College at the incoming New Year term, and Mrs. Milne is accompanying her to Toronto.

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Rev. W. J. F. Robertson and wife came down from Duncan to spend Christmas with Mrs. Robertson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Northcott, 229 Menzies street. They returned home to-day.

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Princess Evening Gown

Beautiful Princess Evening Gown, made of delicate pink Brussels Net, low neck with yoke of shirred chiffon and pink silk, front and skirt trimmed with rich sequin trimming, deep girdle of silk, embroidered with silk braid. Skirt finished with sequin trimming 24 inches deep, two drop skirts, one of pink chiffon, one of pink silk. The price of this handsome gown is $100

Directoire Evening Gown

This is a beautiful model, Directoire style, made of blue grey silk, low neck edged with pink, long sleeves of blue chiffon in the new shape, the waist part made of white net richly embroidered in blue to match silk, Directoire sash reaching to the bottom of dress, embroidered in gilt with fringed ends, skirt perfectly plain, full cut. The price is $50

"Sheath" Evening Gown

This gown is made of dull green satin, in the two-piece style, the waist has high neck with yoke of fine Oriental lace, and has long sleeves made of dull green, tucked with fine tucks, finished with lace. The waist is trimmed with very rich guipure lace and has Directoire sash with tassels on ends. The skirt is the sheath pattern, with panel of rows of folds, white silk drop skirt. The price of this gown is $85

Black Empire Gown

A beautiful model, made of black chiffon in the Empire style, has Dutch neck and three-quarter sleeves of shirred chiffon finished with jet, yoke of jet trimming and the rest of the waist part trimmed with silk lace and jet ornaments, skirt has row of black silk lace nine inches wide around bottom, underskirt of black silk, with deep frill of tucked chiffon. The price of this gown is $85

Empire Evening Gown

Empire Evening Gown, made of pale yellow satin, low neck with yoke of shirred chiffon and Persian trimming, long sleeves of shirred chiffon in pale yellow, entire waist part made in narrow tucks, giving herringbone effect, embroidered girdle, skirt has two panels of tucks and ornaments down front, and two narrower rows around the bottom, drop skirt of pale yellow taffeta. The price of this gown is $100

Princess Reception Gown

A beautiful model made of white chiffon with black chenille spots, high neck with yoke of fine lace, long sleeves finished with lace at wrists, waist part of gown trimmed with jet beads and trimming. Directoire sash with jet tassels or ends. Skirt has three frills on bottom, edged with black satin ribbon, drop skirt of white taffeta. The price of this gown is $85

Handsome Waists, Evening Wear

Dressy Waist

This waist is made of pale blue satin Duchess yoke and high collar of fine Valenciennes insertion, front made of fine embroidered net and fine tucks, three-quarter sleeves slashed and set in with fine lace, edged with white silk braid. Deep satin girdle. The price of this waist is... $25

Black Lace Waist

Waist made of Brussels Net in a pretty figured design. It has high neck and long sleeves, the sleeves being shirred and tucked with silk insertion at wrist. Front, shoulders and back finished with heavily embroidered black insertion, with belt of same. The price of this waist is. $25

Embroidered Lace Waist

Waist made of heavy white fish-net, entire front of waist richly embroidered in an elaborate design in a pretty shade of green, the same pattern extending over shoulder and down the back, half length sleeves of fine lace and green ribbon, high collar of silk lace. The price of this waist is $35

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Local News

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Yours very truly,
(Sgnd.) D. J. MARSH.
Dated this 16th day of December, 1908.

—Thomas Deasy, formerly chief of the local fire department, who resigned from the head of the Nelson brigade a week or two ago, has asked to have his resignation withdrawn. The letter of Chief Deasy was filed by the Nelson council.

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—At Knox Presbyterian church, Stanley avenue, to-morrow, there will be service at 11 a. m. and Sabbath school at 2:30 p. m.

—The choir of St. John's church will give a special musical service on Sunday evening, consisting of carols, solos, duets and appropriate organ selections, after evensong.

—The sale of the Trutch property to W. J. Hanna was effected through the agent of the estate, A. W. Bridgman, and not as erroneously stated in a recent issue through another agency.

—The members of the police force and the fire brigade have been remembered by many friends at the Christmas season, and gifts in profusion have flowed in to these two fine bodies of protectors of the citizens.

—On Monday St. Andrew's Presbyterian Young People's Society will hold a literary evening, the subject being "Ralph Connor." Rev. W. L. Clay will give an address on the life of "Ralph Connor," while others will discuss his books. Readings, etc., will complete the programme. All are welcome.

—A cablegram received yesterday by H. Dumbleton announced that his grandson, Cuthbert Holmes, has passed the examinations for admission to Balliol College, Oxford. Mr. Holmes, who is a son of Judge Holmes, late of the Indian civil service, is a recent matriculant from Victoria College.

—The James Bay Methodist Sunday school will give their annual Christmas entertainment on Wednesday night. The pupils of the school have been busy practicing the Christmas cantata, "The First Christmas Story," to be given this evening. Afterwards Santa Claus will make his appearance to distribute the presents to the children.

—The usual services will be held at the First Congregational church tomorrow. The pastor, Rev. Herman A. Carson, B. A., will preach. There will be special music appropriate to the Christmas occasion. The theme of the morning sermon will be "A reasonable study of the Incarnation"; evening theme, "The world without Christ and What Christ has done for the world."

—The Christmas tree, so eagerly looked forward to by the children of the Orphanage, will be held at the Home, Hillside avenue, on Tuesday from 3 to 6 p. m. Gifts for the same will be gratefully received at the Home on Monday. The committee invites all interested in the welfare and happiness of the children to attend on this occasion, when a hospitable welcome will be extended to visitors, whose presence will be greatly appreciated.

—On Tuesday evening the Congregational church Sunday school will hold its annual Christmas tree entertainment. Supper is to be served from 6 till 7.30. Following that there will be games indulged in until 8 o'clock. At that hour the programme will commence, lasting one hour, and during the time a Christmas tree will be unloaded, Santa Claus being present for the occasion.

—The sisters of St. Joseph's hospital extend their most sincere thanks and good wishes to the many friends of the institution who have proved themselves such, particularly during the year just closing. The liberal donations made to the hospital, especially since the opening of the new wing, is a renewed mark of the warm heartedness of Victorians, and an additional obligation of gratitude on the part of the sisters. To all who have contributed to the encouragement and success of St. Joseph's, medical friends holding by just claim the first rank, the sisters return heartfelt thanks and best wishes.

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BUSY SEASON.

Buildings Erected by D. H. Bale During the Last Summer.

As an indication of the business that local builders have had on hand during the past season, the list of houses erected by D. H. Bale was as follows: Mrs. E. Crochford, Fairfield road; Mrs. H. P. Franch, Davies street; R. Edge, Richmond road; Mrs. S. T. McLaughlin, Rithet street; Wm. Vye, Third street; Mrs. V. Georgeson, Oak Bay avenue; P. Goodfield, Fifth street; Mrs. J. McArthur, Cook street; Mrs. F. A. Bradley, Coots Way; P. Walker, Dallas road; Dr. Verrinder, two houses on Verrinder avenue; Mrs. E. S. Keating, corner of Chambers and Pembroke; J. H. Higgins, Foul Bay road; Mrs. E. Collis, Cadborough Bay road; Messrs. Bond & Clarke, Government street; T. S. Rankin, Collingwood avenue; P. O. Nichol, Bushby street; A. W. Esnouf, Third street; H. Cummins, Saanich road; Chas. Andrus, Cresent street; T. A. Cairns, Niagara street; G. Lewis, Cadborough road; Mrs. J. Paterson, Richardson street; F. Rampley, Belcher avenue.

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The author sets out to typify the struggle between the free and unfettered life of the western plains and mountains and the conventions of the east in their most puritanic phase. Ghent stands for the one and Ruth for the other. They marry under most unusual circumstances, but in spite of her love for the wide life of a new and boundless country the puritan, even more than the woman, in Ruth revolts. One is inclined to quarrel with the logic of the author's treatment of the facts of the case, even to the final curtain, which is a trifle unsatisfying. Ghent is a splendid character, who has been made better by his marriage, and Ruth's later treatment of him, and the reason she gives for returning west with him do not strike one as consistent with her philosophy of life as laid down in the first act.



MABEL BROWNELL,
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Miss Brownell's part is a strongly emotional one and calls for rapid changes of feeling. She is an actress of great talent and her ability is especially shown in the second act, where, in an exceptionally strong scene, she has to act a part within the play. Mr. Mordant is a worthy second to Miss Brownell. He is physically as well as artistically fitted for the part of the sturdy miner and pioneer, being of a powerful build. Both received half-a-dozen curtain calls at the close of the second act.

The support is very good, particularly Miss Della Knight, as Polly Jordan; Frederick Forrester, as Philip Jordan; William H. Boyd, as Winthrop Newbury, and Mrs. Brooke, as Mrs. Jordan.

The scenery is in harmony with the spirit of the play. The first act is laid in a cabin on a cactus ranch in southern Arizona, and the second on "the roof of the world," one of the most wildly grand spots in the Cordilleras. In the setting of the third act is the contrast between the past and the future of the heroine, it being a typically prim and straight backed parlor in a Puritan Massachusetts home.

Altogether "The Great Divide" is well worth seeing. It will be presented again this evening, when there should be a crowded house.

—The funeral of the late Henry Fea took place on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Hanna chapel. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Cooper in St. Saviour's church at 2:30 o'clock. There was a large attendance of friends and the military from Work Point turned out.

—To-morrow will be a special day at Emmanuel Baptist church. The Christmas music will be rendered by the choir, led by W. Pierce. Rev. Dr. Spencer will preach at both services on subjects appropriate to the occasion. As it will be Dr. Spencer's last Sunday as pastor of the church no doubt many citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity of being present. Dr. Spencer will take up important work in connection with Local Option.

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THE GREENROOM

Rose Stahl, the famous original of Patricia O'Brien, the heroine of James Forbes' comedy of stage life, "The Chorus Lady," comes to Victoria theatre on Monday. "The Chorus Lady," now in its third season and still recognized as one of the leading successes now current on the American stage, is a play that has pursued a record-breaking career since its first presentation at the Savoy theatre in New York three seasons ago.

Miss Stahl as Patricia has been credited with a dramatic characterization which is as unique and striking in conception as it is appealing and compelling in the acting. She makes Patricia a brisk young woman expressing herself in the slang that has made "The Chorus Lady" famous yet possessed of wonderful knowledge of the world and a keen sense of right and wrong that endears her to all. Mr. Harris has furnished the play completely, as is typical of all his productions, and the supporting cast has been changed but very little. It includes Wilfrid Lucas, Eva Dennison, Earl R. Williams, Alice Leigh, Giles Shine, Madeline Travers, Thomas Maguire, Andy Lee, Amy Lesser, Marguerite Wheeler, Annie Ives, Jean French, Lavinia Mason and Alice Chase.

Katharine Goodson.

Miss Katharine Goodson, the English pianist, now in the city, who is to be heard here on December 29th, in company with Arthur Hartmann, is not only an artist of the very foremost rank, but a woman of exceptional grace and charm. Her home is in St. John's Wood in the artistic centre of London, and it is a rendezvous for celebrities of every kind. Miss Goodson is as great an artist of color as of music, as is shown by the scheme of decoration throughout the house. It formerly belonged to a well-known sculptor, whose studio now serves as the music-room. The studio is furnished with a raised platform, upon which are dovetailed two grand pianos, and on the wall of this alcove are hung innumerable autographed photos of all the great musicians of the day.

To the Victoria Musical Society is due the fact that Miss Goodson and Mr. Hartmann are to be heard here together.

Arthur Hartmann.

Arthur Hartmann, the violinist, who appears here in company with Miss Goodson, the pianist, on December 29th, has a long list of friends among the leading artists. Godowsky, the master of tone and technique on the piano, yields to no one as an enthusiastic admirer of Hartmann, and formed a concert trio with him some years ago, of which Hekking, the celebrated 'cellist, was the third member. Patti insisted upon Hartmann as the violinist of one of her tours when he was in England, and the series wound up with a joint concert at Albert Hall, London, where 10,000 auditors bestowed their cheers and applause impartially on both singer and player. After the final solo, Patti threw her arms about Hartmann and kissed him in full view of the vast audience. "That was the best fee I ever received for playing," Hartmann says proudly, when telling the anecdote.

Ysaye, who is singularly free from jealousy of his colleagues, has had Hartmann visit him time and again at the Ysaye chateau near Brussels.

Florence Roberts.

Florence Roberts, with such prominent names in her support as Arthur Forrest, Thurlow Bergen and Ann Warrington, comes to the Victoria theatre on Thursday, December 31st. Miss Roberts will appear in the new play by Seymour Obermer, called "The House of Bondage." This piece has already occasioned widespread comment, through the boldness of its theme.

Obermer is said to have written not only a play of tremendous originality and force, but one embodying dialogue of great rhetorical charm. It affords Miss Roberts' splendid emotional gifts fullest sway, and also gives Manager John Cort an opportunity for a tasteful production which is made the most of.

Pantages Theatre.

"Rose and Orange Blossoms," one of the prettiest plays ever seen in vaudeville, and presented by a capable company headed by Mason Morrison, will be the feature act of a big show at the Pantages next week.

Crane Bros., "The Mudtown Rubes," in a very laughable farce comedy, "The Mudtown Law," with special panoramic scenery, will constitute another of the mirth provoking offering.

"Silent" Tait, the eccentric wizard of burlesque magic, is known as one of the greatest fun makers in the business, and his name on the programme is an assurance of pleasing entertainment. His act is strictly a comedy pantomine, not a word being spoken during his part of the performance.

The Durybelle Sisters will introduce a novel shadowgraphic sketch that is always a source of enjoyment.

The illustrated ballad by Harry DeVerra is entitled "Are You Sincere?" The biograph with a big reel of comedy motion pictures showing "The Effects of a Shave," will complete the show.

The New Grand.

Closing the week at the New Grand to-night are Mlle. Joyce Gray, the beautiful French salome dancer; Stephen Gratton & Co., in "Locked Out at 3 a.m."; Margaret Severance & Co., in "Nowadays," and Earl Gridelier and his clever trick dogs, besides the illustrated song and two good moving pictures.

Another good bill of all star acts has been arranged for next week. The Petching Bros. have a novelty act called "The Musical Flower Garden." The turn is full of surprises, there being nothing that looks like a musical instrument apparent when the curtain goes up, but it is found that the stage fairly bristles with all sorts of instruments, which are made to represent flowers and garden implements. Carson Bros. are reported as being the most finished and graceful acrobats that have ever been seen on any stage in the west. Clad in white tights they work before a heavy black curtain, and their movements are all made to slow waltz time. C. W. Williams, an up-to-date American ventriliquist, will present his novel and laughable sketch, "The Doctor's Busy Day"; Les Theodors are sensational Eruopean aerialists and equilibrists; Thos. J. Price will sing the illustrated song, "It's Only Me in My Nightie"; new moving pictures entitled "His Only Son."

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

GAME AT OAK BAY.

The City and J. B. A. A. Rugby teams are scheduled to meet in the third match of their series this afternoon at Oak Bay. The playing area at the start of the game was slushy and in places under water, preventing clean and open play.

ITALIAN ARMY RECRUITS.

A proof of the increased population in Italy during the last few years is afforded by the fact that the number of young men born in 1888 who are bound by law to serve in the army amounted this year to 110,000, instead of about 76,000, as in previous years. This increase in the number of recruits was unforeseen, so much so, in fact, that when the men joined their regiments it was found that the barracks were not large enough to hold them.

The recruits were sheltered under canvas and camp blankets were issued. Very soon the Army Service Corps provided beds and bedding, and suppressed churches and convents in several garrison towns were used as barracks.

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LOCAL SOCCER TEAM LEAVES FOR NANAIMO

Beacon Hill Top of Junior List —Island Junior Game To-day.

The Victoria soccer team consisting of Peden, Lorimer, Whyte, Shanks, Winkel, Malcolm, Rothwell, J. Young, Savalon, Williams and Wormold left for Nanaimo on this morning's train, departing with a big cheer for the citizens who on Thursday contributed $53 to pay their expenses. They play Nanaimo this afternoon in the return game of the Pacific coast league. On Friday the Times gave the names of those who had between them subscribed $38, and later in the afternoon the balance contributed by Stephen Jones, of the Dominion hotel, J. H. S. Matson, Mr. Johnston, of Johnston & Baxter, and John Nelson.

Junior Match.

Beacon Hill soccer juniors yesterday morning jumped into top place in the junior list by defeating the High school at Beacon Hill park, by two goals to nothing, after a game which was much more even than the score indicates. A gale swept across the park from the sea and the mud made heavy going for the lads and towards the last half the rain came down in torrents.

BENDRODT ISSUES A CHALLENGE

James Bendrodt, of the James Bay Athletic club, who won the recent twenty-four hour skating race at the Assembly rink, has issued a challenge through John Donaldson, of the J. B. A. A., to skate against any local man three, five and ten miles, best two out of the three events to decide the winner, to be skated on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights of the second week in January next, Mr. Donaldson to make the decision.

Acceptances of this challenge will be received by the sporting department of the Times, at the request of Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Bendrodt.

O'Rourke scored for the Beacon Hill team in the first half, while the wind was in favor of his team. The score stayed at 1 to 0 till just before time, when Wales took a pass from Baker and secured number two for the Hills. Alex Peden refereed.

The Hills have played five matches, won three and lost and drawn one. They lead with seven points. High school is two points behind on their defeat yesterday, while North Ward has only won one match.

To-day's Match.

Ladysmith juniors and North Ward juniors are scheduled to play this afternoon at the Royal Athletic ground



JAMES BENDRODT,
Who has issued a challenge for 3, 5 or 10 miles skating contest.

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MERRYFIELD AND FOLEY IN FINE CONDITION

Boxers Should Put Up Hard and Even Bout on Tuesday Night.

For the boxing bout between Merryfield and Foley, to take place at the A. O. U. W. hall Tuesday night, where a silver cup will be the prize, both men are now taking their final day's working. On Thursday afternoon and evening the sporting writer of the Times looked over both men and saw them both at their work in their respective gymnasiums. Merryfield boxed eleven rounds with a heavyweight, who gave him plenty of hard solid work. He is in fine condition and means to win the cup. He has the punches and the quickness; he also has plenty of experience, having come through over thirty battles successfully. At the end of his work-out he was fresh and ready to go the full twenty without trouble against his heavy opponent. He will undoubtedly put up a good end for his share of the programme.

In Foley's gymnasium there were a number of admiring supporters who watched the boy box seven rounds with Alex McMamee, who weighs one hundred and seventy pounds. Foley's weight is now one hundred and thirty, being three pounds lighter than when he boxed Dufty.

As Foley stepped on the mat he looked in fair condition and after the go he showed no signs of distress. He is game as a bulldog and worried his heavy opponent all the way. Someone told Foley he would take off his hat to Merryfield Tuesday night. Foley, however, did not agree with the remark but announced he was willing to do so if Merryfield could win. From his appearance and his work he will put up a strong and plucky battle and make Merryfield's task of gaining the cup one of the hardest tasks the local lad has taken on in his experience.

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TIM KEE.

Ocean and Coastwise Shipping

Movements of Local Vessels—Trade Expansion in B. C. Waters—

Gleanings of Interest From the Seven Seas.

MYSTERY OF MISSING SARAGOSSA SEA

Report of Its Disappearance May Not Prove Correct.

A dispatch recently published in the Times said that the Saragasso Sea had disappeared. This part of the Atlantic was named Mer de Sagaco by Columbus because of the quantity of seaweed floating on its surface, and the name has no connection with the Spanish city of Saragossa. This area lies west of the Canary Islands and it is about as large as Europe, although its boundaries greatly vary. Its existence is supposed to be due to the ocean currents, it being in fact a vast eddy between the Gulf Stream and the Equatorial current—that is, speaking in very general terms.

Some writers have suggested that it may be the former site of Atlantis, but this is a pure guess. It was here that Jules Verne in his "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" made his diver descend and search through wrecks and ruins lying on the ocean bottom. It was at one time supposed that the vegetation which covered the water was brought there from the Gulf of Mexico, but later observations establish that it grows upon the surface. It seems clear from the area of the Sargasso Sea that the observations of a navigator on a single voyage can hardly be taken as proving that the vegetation has disappeared. If further observations confirm his report, hydrographers will have something new to puzzle over.

SHIPPING REPORT

Cape Lazo, Dec. 26, 8 a. m.—Heavy rain; strong S. E. wind; bar. 29.72; tempt. 38; sea rough; no shipping.

Point Grey, Dec. 26, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; strong S. E. wind; bar. 29.76; temp. 41; no shipping.

Tatoosh, Dec. 26, 8 a. m.—Light rain; south wind, 40 miles; bar. 29.90; temp. 44. Passed out, a steamer, at 6 p. m. yesterday.

Estevan, Dec. 26, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; S. E. wind; bar. 29.83; temp. 46; sea rough; no shipping.

Pachena, Dec. 26, 8 a. m.—Strong south wind; rain; bar. 29.73; temp. 45; sea rough; no shipping.

Note—Tees passed Estevan, going northwest, at 7 p. m. on 24th inst.

Point Grey, Dec. 26, noon.—Heavy showers; strong south gales; bar. 29.77; temp. 46. Out, steamer Lonsdale, at 8:55 a. m. C. P. R. Tranfer in tow, at 9:40 a. m. In, Iroquois, 8:20 a. m.; Joan, 9:35 a. m.

Cape Lazo, Dec. 26, noon.—Cloudy; south wind; bar. 29.74; temp. 44; sea moderate; no shipping.

Tatoosh, Dec. 26, noon.—Light rain; S. W. wind, 36 miles; bar. 29.90; temp. 47; no shipping.

Estevan, Dec. 26, noon.—Rain; S. W. wind; bar. 28.87; temp. 47. Steamship Pennsylvania off Cape St. James, bound north.

Pachena, Dec. 26, noon.—Rain; S. W. wind; bar. 29.75; temp. 45; sea smooth; no shipping.

MARINE NOTES

Steamer City of Puebla leaves for the San Francisco to-morrow night.

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Steamer Umatilla is due from San Francisco to-night. She will have about 75 tons of freight for this port.

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Chilian barque Rocart de Solar had a good passage north from Valparaiso, and is now lying in the Royal Roads awaiting a cable from her owners. It is stated that she intended to dock here, but as the dry dock is occupied may be hauled out on one of the marine ways.

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London, Dec. 26.—Lloyds' medal for saving life at sea goes to Miss Kate Gilmour, stewardess of the Sardinia, destroyed by fire at Malta last month. Miss Gilmour refused to leave the ship until all the women and children were rescued. Her courage is held to have led to the saving of many lives.

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A large French barque, Francoise Damboise, from Noumea, New Caledonia, for Glasgow, which was quoted on the overdue market at 8 guineas, has arrived at Greenock. She encountered terrible weather, and the voyage occupied 139 days. Between 18th and 28th September the ship passed 141 icebergs, some 20 miles long.

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Newport News, Md., Dec. 26.—News of the loss off Hog island on Wednesday of the three-masted schooner Glennie Lippitt and the drowning of Capt. Robinson and five members of the crew was brought here by Andrew Jorgensen, the sole survivor of the wreck, who was picked up at sea on Wednesday by the steamer Ravenscraig. The Lippitt was bound up the coast from Jacksonville for New York with a cargo of lumber.

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As a result of a terrific snow blizzard on October 15th four men were washed overboard from the Danish barque Havila. One man was drowned and after great exertions by the rest of the crew three were rescued. Word has been received at San Francisco of the arrival of the Havila at Falmouth from Tacoma. The barque was fifty days overdue and carried a heavy cargo of grain. On the voyage extremely heavy and cold weather was experienced and vast fields of icebergs were encountered during the latter part of the passage.

THRILLING STORY OF SHIPWRECK

SCHOONER FOUNDERS OFF PORT MORIEN

Crew Fights For Twenty Days Against Tremendous Seas.

Sydney, C. B., Dec. 26.—One of the most serious marine experiences in many years that has had its sequel in local waters is that of the crew of the French topsail schooner Marcelline, Capt. Louis Le Heogarut, which foundered about 40 miles off Port Morien.

The vessel sailed from Cadiz, Spain, on November 4th with a full cargo of rock salt for St. Pierre-Miquelon. For twenty-one days almost ideal Atlantic weather was experienced and the ship had arrived off the Grand Banks, Southeast of Newfoundland. Here boisterous weather was encountered, and from day to day the wind increased in violence until it blew in hurricane force and the vessel was battered about at the mercy of the tremendous sea that was running. After a hard battle the land of the little French colony was sighted, but the wind shifted and the schooner was forced seaward again.

It was suddenly discovered that the craft was beginning to labor more heavily and the captain ordered the sounding of the pumps when it was ascertained that considerable water was making in the hold and gaining fast. The constant straining and pounding day and night in the heavy sea had opened several seams, and it was now necessary to man the pumps to keep the vessel afloat.

Time and again the decks were swept by tremendous seas. The captain finding that the water was gaining in the hold and that the crew were becoming exhausted from the necessarily incessant handling of the pumps, decided to turn tail and run for Sydney. Soon after he had shaped his course for the Cape Breton shore the wind calmed and finally shifted to dead ahead, blowing with increased velocity. The sea ran mountains high and constantly tumbled on the decks, theratening to sweep the men overboard. The wind blew at the rate of sixty-five miles an hour and the crew began to grimly fight for their very lives. Many a time it seemed the end had come. Gradually the ship settling more and more in the water, began floundering about almost helplessly. The hull became iced up badly and the crew were entirely worn out from exhaustion and the biting cold wind and rain and sleet. The vessel was now practically beoynd control. The course to Sydney could not be kept, and once again the poor souls were forced seaward.

The schooner finally so settled that the water was about an inch over the deck. Taking to the boat the captain stood by for a short while when his gallant command lurched, settled and lurched again, and once more righted, and then sank gracefully head foremost, about forty miles from a safe haven.

Heading for land the crew took turns in rowing, and finally made Port Morien in a condition of absolute exhaustion.

For twenty days these eight brave men battled for their very lives and for a full week they never ceased for even a moment to keep the pumps going. It was heart breaking work, but they stuck manfully to duty, never faltering or complaining, having a desire not only to live but to save the craft even at the risk of life.

Forty-one days from the date of sailing they again set foot on terra firma, shipwrecked and destitute for they had not saved any of their effects beyond the clothes they stood in.

The Marcelline was the captain's first command, and he feels the loss of the good ship very keenly. Shortly before leaving port he was offered a first officer's berth in a large steamer, an ocean liner, bound for New York, but was persuaded to take the command of the schooner which brought him such ill-luck.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., December, 1908.

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7	5 29 8.1	7 24 8.0	12 38 9.7	21 00 1.2
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The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot above the average level of the lowest low water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

MARE ISLAND TO HAVE POWERFUL WIRELESS

Mare Island, Dec. 26.—Now that Master Electrician George E. Hanscome has returned from Alaska, where he has finished the installation of a new wireless station near Valdez, he is anxious to install a more powerful station at this yard. Hanscome stated that the yard needs a larger station, so that the operators can get into communication with stations 3,000 miles distant. Hanscome said that while in Alaska he was able to get into communication with the Honolulu station from Sitka, which has the same size station as is at present located at Mare island, but this feat was possible owing to the fact that there are no other stations to interfere with the work, as there are in this locality. With a more powerful station at Mare island this interference would be offset.

Steamer Queen City leaves for the north to-morrow night, stopping at all the smaller ports for freight and passengers.

SHIPPING GUIDE.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS

From the Orient.

Vessel.	Due.
Monteagle	Jan. 5

From Australia.

Aorangi	Jan. 14

From Mexico.

Georgia	Jan. 16

From Liverpool.

Titan	Dec. 26

From Glasgow.

Princess Charlotte	Dec. 29

TO SAIL

For the Orient

Empress of China	Jan. 6

For Australia

Makura	Jan. 1

For Mexico.

Lonsdale	Dec. 31

For Liverpool.

Teucer	Dec. 31

SAILING VESSELS

TO ARRIVE

Name.	Left.	Date.	For.
Puritan	Boston	Sept. 14	Vanc

COASTWISE STEAMERS

TO ARRIVE

From San Francisco.

Vessel.	Due.
Umatilla	Dec. 26

From Skagway.

Princess May	Jan. 8

From Northern B. C. Ports.

Queen City	Jan. 7
Venture	Jan. 10

From West Coast.

Tees	Jan. 1

TO SAIL.

For San Francisco.

City of Puebla	Dec. 27

For Skagway.

Princess May	Dec. 28

For Northern B. C. Ports.

Venture	Dec. 26
Queen City	Dec. 27

For West Coast.

Tees	Jan. 1

FERRY SERVICE

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Christmas eve at the Empress hotel some five hundred guests assembled at the invitation of the management and the employees to take part in the Empress ball. From 9 o'clock until 4 a. m. Christmas morning dancing continued, while supper was served in the dining room at 1 a. m.

To the Empress committee, consisting of Mr. Hardy, Mr. H. E. Burris, Mr. H. B. Jackson, Mr. L. Lucas, Mr. F. Lins, Mr. F. Kastenbader, the Misses F. Clark, McDonald, Harrison and Drake, much praise is due for the excellent manner in which the decorations and arrangements were carried out. The main hall, where the dancing took place, was festooned from the roof to the side pillars in each aisle with ropes of pine foliage with hundreds of red bells and numbers of Chinese lanterns, while the pillars were illuminated with hundreds of small green lights. With the electric globes and other illuminations the scene was one of brilliance. At midnight a halt was called in the dance programme, while the big Christmas tree, standing in the centre of the hallway, was lighted. Three hundred small electric globes were switched on. The tree contained a gift from Father Christmas, who was represented by H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C., for each of the Empress staff. Santa Clause himself was the recipient of a gift from the hotel staff. During the night a second interval was called, during which Mr. Peters offered some marvelous sleight of hand tricks, which kept those present guessing all the while.

At midnight an announcement was made that Mr. Humble, the manager of the hotel, who is on his vacation in Montreal, had sent Christmas greetings to the staff and those who were present. At his request "Christians Awake" was sung, and was followed by "For Auld Lang Syne," with ringing cheers for Mr. Humble and the staff, Mr. Helmcken and Mrs. Helmcken and a special for the committee on arrangements.

The orchestra was under the direction of Mr. Rumsby, of the Fifth Regiment, and contributed largely to the pleasure of those who occupied the floor and also those who did not dance. In the palm room a buffet was arranged where lemon and claret were served, and a buffet supper was served in the dining room at 1 a. m. The table was most beautifully decorated with colored electric lights, holly, evergreens, scarlet carnations, white chrysanthemums and eucharist lilies.

The whole event was a brilliant success and was voted the best manner of spending Christmas eve in Victoria.

CHINESE GUILDS

Great Secret Societies

From time immemorial guilds or fraternal confederations have played a siderable part in Chinese social life, and during the past century such associations have been more numerous and more active, in a criminal sense, than was ever the case previously. A great many of these guilds are analogues to friendly societies, but the line of division between criminal and non-criminal societies is very slight, some of the non-criminal organizations being admittedly offshoots from one or other of the great criminal secret societies.

The Triads.

Perhaps the most famous secret criminal organization ever known in China is the Tien-Ti-Hwey, or "Association of Heaven and Earth," so called because the nominal object of its existence is the union of heaven, earth and man, which led to its being known among Europeans as the Triads. An alternative name for the society is the Great Hung League, and it fully merits the title "Great," for its membership is reckoned by millions. It has branches all over the world, where there are colonies of Chinamen, and it was responsible among other achievements, for the great Taeping Rebellion, so familiar to Englishmen by reason of General, or "Chinese" Gordon's connection with the army engaged in its suppression.

Many Centuries Old.

The origin of the Great Hung League is lost in the mists of antiquity, it having existed for centuries as a purely benevolent association, before it was turned into a society of ruthless conspirators, murderers, and blackmailers, upholding the interests of its members in spite of the law. The tenets of the society are: That members shall mind their own business and not confide in any person who does not belong to the society; that the aid of police or magistrates must not be invoked in any circumstances whatever; to acknowledge no government other than that of the society; and to give no evidence in a court of law unless directed by a superior in the society to give false evidence. The funds of the society come from subscriptions of members and the levying of contributions upon music-halls, gambling dens, and shops by gangs of roughs kept in the "lodges" by the head men of branches who accumulate enormous riches for themselves, in addition to providing for the expenses of the society.

Ferocious Reprisals.

The Great Hung League, as is mentioned above, was the moving power in the Taeping Rebellion, and if the society had stuck to the cause, it is extremely doubtful if "Chinese" Gordon or anyone else would have been able to suppress it. Unfortunately for the Taepings, however, the League withdrew from the rebellion for some cause or another, and so made its overthrow only a matter of time. What is known about the League points to the fact that there has never been any lack of bloodthirstiness in its proceedings, but the government was not behindhand in ferocity, for it is on record that no less than 6,000 members of the League were executed in one day at Canton, and, on another occasion, nearly 10,000 perished at Pekin.

In British Colonies.

The League and other Chinese societies have given much trouble in the English colonies in the past, and many unavailing attempts have been made by the English government to suppress them, but as that has been found to be impossible, a system of compulsory registration has been introduced which keeps the evil in check to some extent. The serious disturbances at Singapore in 1872 were due to the Chinese guilds in the Straits Settlements. On that occasion the Sam-Sings, or "fighting men," of the local branch of the Great Hung League, were the foremost rioters, taking the part of the street hawkers against whom the police had issued some severe regulations. At Perak, in the Malay Peninsula, nearly all the Chinese inhabitants belong to some secret guild or other, which causes endless trouble and anxiety to the government. In 1887 four members of the Ghee Hin Guild were each sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for conducting an agency of their society. In Sarawak these guilds were considered so dangerous that a law was passed decreeing the punishment of death for mere membership without other criminality.

The Most Dreaded of All.

Next in historical importance to the Great Hung League is the Wu Wei Kenou, or "No Hypocrisy Guild." Little is known by Europeans of the tenets of this guild, and it does not seem to have any branches among Chinamen abroad, but in China itself it is more dreaded than any other secret descendant of "The White Lotus," a terrible organization which has left bloody marks upon Chinese history. It has strong religious influence; its members are forbidden to wear colored clothes, are compelled to be vegetarians, may use no pointed instrument, and must surrender all their property to the order on admission. Women are admitted to membership. The guild is under one supreme head or grand master, who has enormous sums at his command.

Snipping Off Pigtails.

In 1876 an extraordinary movement convulsed Nankin, Shanghai, and other cities of that part of China. Men's pigtails dropped off everywhere without apparent cause; in the privacy of their homes, in bed, in the street, and at convivial gatherings, the cherished appendage parted company with its owner's head. To foreigners it appeared to be some gigantic practical joke, but it was too serious a matter to a Chinaman to be looked at from the joke point of view. In the course of a few weeks the thing grew to such proportions that strangers ceased to laugh, and Chinamen went mad with panic. The authorities were nonplussed and terrified, and issued proclamations containing threats and appeals to men and gods, but all without effect, until one day two men were caught in the very act of snipping off a tail whilst accomplices held its owner in earnest talk. It was found that they had each a very minute pair of scissors, which were as sharp as razors, concealed in the palms of their hands; but how these operations were carried on so long and over such a wide field without some of the perpetrators being sooner discovered is a mystery. It was found that the outrages were the work of the Wu Wei Wenou, but the general public learned nothing more than this bare fact, as the authorities at once closed the public investigation on learning that it was a question of a secret society.

Against the Missionaries.

Perhaps the most powerful guild in China at the present day is the Ko-Lao-Hui, or "League of the Elder Brother," which dates only from the time of the Taeping Rebellion in the early sixties, being reported to have been founded by General Tseng during the siege of Nankin. It is a most dangerous association, some of its members occupying very high positions, while others are the most desperate and disreputable characters to be found in the districts over which it exercises particular influence. It was at first a purely military organization, the object of which was mutual protection against the plunder and extortion practiced by the civil officials in dealing with the pay and maintenance of the troops. Gradually persons not connected with the army were admitted, and the society lost its exclusively military character, and forgot the objects for which it was formed, branching out into other activities, which rendered it so obnoxious to the government that the discovery of the small piece of calico stamped with some Chinese characters, which constitutes the certificate of membership, is sufficient to cause its possessor to be immediately executed by the authorities. This society is strongly antagonistic to missionaries, and to foreigners in general, and is believed to have been at the bottom of every one of the riots against foreigners which have taken place in China in recent years.

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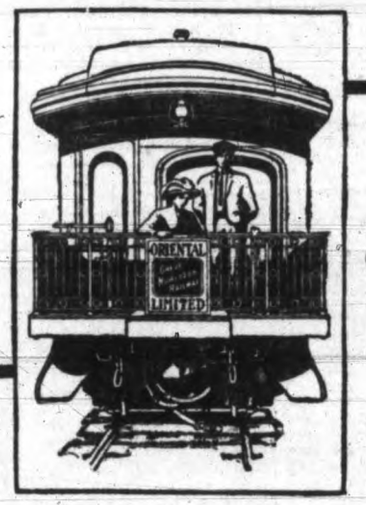
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THE COUNT'S CHRISTMAS CARD

BY WILLIAM LE QUEUX.

Author of "Invasion of 1910," "The Onlooker," etc.

The incident of the Count's Christmas card was certainly one of the most remarkable within my experience.

In my calling as valet I have attended a good many masters and their guests, and have been engaged in hotels, as well as in private service.

No master I ever had, however, was so generous as Count Camillo di Castelnuzo, the tall, elderly, grey-haired, and rather dandified man who was a great favorite with the ladies, and though possessing a big estate near Pistoja, in Tuscany, and a fine villa on the Viale dei Colli, the most aristocratic suburb of Florence, yet preferred always to live in foreign hotels. As his servant, I travelled to most of the capitals, Paris, Vienna, Petersburg, and Rome among others, but we never went to his home. There were reasons, he told me, why he did not, and I understood them to be family ones.

Every master I have ever had has had some family secret, or some clandestine love affair. A valet soon discovers the truth, and learns to close both eyes and mouth.

Count Camillo was wealthy and often entertained on quite a lavish scale. He was essentially smart in his dress—the true type of the Italian aristocrat—perhaps a little too proud of his heraldry, as they most are—but nevertheless, extremely polished and well-groomed. His feminine acquaintances were many. In every city—and we visited a good many in the course of the two years I was his servant—he seemed to be acquainted with the prettiest women and their husbands, whom he entertained in a manner befitting the wealthy nobleman.

I was Italian, like himself, hence his perfect confidence in me.

He used to have, at various times and at odd places, a mysterious visitor who puzzled me greatly—a certain Englishman named Sims. He was a thin-faced, shrivelled-up little old man, very shabbily dressed, usually in faded brown, but whenever he came he and my master were closely closeted together for hours.

To-day he would call in Vienna, snappishly inquiring in English for the Count, and in a fortnight he would turn up on the other side of Europe, as though springing from nowhere.

The mysterious Englishman and his business caused me much thought, for my master frequently sent telegraphic messages in cipher to a cable address in London. And I wondered if they went to Mr. Sims.

The old fellow seemed to haunt us, dogging our footsteps everywhere, and appearing in all sorts of out-of-the-way places with his long greasy overcoat, shabby hat, and shuffling gait, by which many mistook him for a Hebrew.

And the more closely I observed the Count, the more convinced I became that he wore a mask.

About him was some well-kept mystery which I failed to elucidate.

Frequently we moved quickly from one place to another, as though my master feared pursuit. Then we would suddenly go to Aix, Vichy, Zermatt, Etretat, Carlsbad, or perhaps Monte Carlo, and remain for weeks at a time, in the full enjoyment of all the pleasures which health and money can give.

Thus two years went by, and though we had been in London on several occasions, always at the big hotels—the Carlton, Savoy, and Cecil—we, last November, found ourselves occupying a suite of well-furnished and expensive chambers in Clarges street, off Piccadilly.

"I expect, Michele, that we shall be in London some months," the Count had said to me on the second morning after we had installed ourselves with our luggage. The place belonged to a wealthy young peer of racing proclivities, and was replete with every comfort. All had been left just as it was, even to an open box of cigars. His lordship had gone on a trip round the worlds.

On the third day—a very wet and dismal one, I recollect—old Sims arrived. The Count was out, therefore he waited—waited in patience for six long hours for his return. When my master re-entered, the pair sat together for half-an-hour. Then suddenly the Count shouted to me in Italian:

"Michele. Pack my suit-case and biggest kit-bag at once. Put in both dress-coat and dinner-jacket. And I shan't want you. You'll stay here, and mind the place."

"Si, Signore," I replied, and began briskly to execute his orders.

When the shabby old fellow had gone the Count called me into the sitting room and gave me two cipher telegrams written on the yellow forms used for foreign messages. The first, which he had numbered "1" in blue pencil, was addressed, "Zaza, Berlin," and the second was to "Tejada, c.o. Post Office, Manchester."

"These, Michele, I shall leave with you, for I may want them despatched. Send them the instant you receive word from me. I will tell you which to send. It's half-past eight. I leave Charing Cross at nine, but cannot give you any fixed address. Here's money to get along with. Wait here until my return."

"Si, Signore."

"And," he added, as though it were an afterthought, "if anyone should by chance inquire about Mr. Sims—whether you know him, or if he has been here—remember that you know nothing—nothing. You understand?"

"Benissimo," was my response.

Five minutes later, refusing to allow me to accompany him to the station, he drove away into Piccadilly with his luggage upon a hansom, and thus was I left alone for an indefinite period.

I knew London pretty well, and almost the first evening I went out for a stroll towards Piccadilly-circus I met a fellow I knew, an Italian named Pietro Sarto, a man of about thirty, who had been a waiter at the Grand hotel in Venice when I had worked there five years ago.

Under these circumstances I was delighted to meet a compatriot, and together we descended to that noisy cafe beneath the Hotel de l'Europe in Leicester square, where we met four other friends of Pietro's, waiters like himself.

As we sat together, he told me that he was now head waiter at a little French restaurant in Dean street, Soho, called "La Belle Nicoise," a place where one could obtain real Provencal dishes. Then I, on my part, told him of my own position, and my travels with the Count.

When we ascended into Leicester square again we found the pavements congested, for Daly's, the Empire, and Alhambra had just disgorged their throngs.

As he walked with me he turned, and suddenly asked in Italian:

"Since you've been in London has old Sims visited the Count?"

I started in quick surprise, but in an instant recollected my master's injunctions.

"Sims?" I echoed. "Whom do you mean?"

But he only laughed knowingly, exclaiming:

"All right. You'll deny all knowledge of him, of course. But, my dear Michele, take the advice of one who knows, and be ever watchful. Take care of your own self. Buona sera!"

And my friend, who seemed to possess some secret knowledge, vanished in the crowd.

Once or twice he called upon me, and we sometimes used to spend our evenings together in that illicit little gaming room behind a shop in Old Compton street, a place much frequented by foreign waiters.

I noticed, however, though he was very inquisitive regarding the Count and his movements, he would never give me any reason. He sometimes warned me mysteriously that I was in danger. But to me his words appeared absurd.

One evening, in the second week of December, he and I were in the Count's room chatting, when a ring came at the door, and I found the Count himself, looking very tired and fagged. He almost staggered into his sitting room, brushing past Pietro on his way. He was dressed in different clothes, and I scarcely recognized him at first.

"Who's that, Michele?" he demanded sharply. "I thought I told you I forbade visitors here! Send him away. I want to talk to you."

I obeyed, and when he heard the door close the Count, whom I noticed was travel worn and dirty, with a soiled collar and many days' growth of beard, said:

"Don't have anybody here—not even your best friend, Michele. You'd admit no stranger here if you knew the truth," he added, with a meaning look. "Fortunately, perhaps, you don't."

Then, after he had gulped down the cognac I had brought at his order, he went on:

"Now, listen. In a week it will be Christmas Eve. On that day there will arrive for me a Christmas card. You will open all my letters on that morning, and find it. Either it will be perfectly plain and bear the words, 'A Merry Xmas,' in frosted letters, or else it will be a water-color snow scene—a house, bare trees, moonlight, you know the kind of thing—with the words 'The Compliments of the Season.' Upon either will be written in violet ink in a woman's hand the words, in English, 'To dear Camillo.' You understand—eh?"

"Perfectly, Signore."

"Good," he said. "Now, I gave you two telegrams before I left. If the card is a plain one burn it, and dispatch the first telegram; if colored, then send the second message. Do you follow?"

I replied in the affirmative, when, to my surprise, he rose, and instead of entering his bedroom to wash, he simply swallowed a second glass of brandy, sighed, and departed, saying:

"Remember, you know nothing—nothing whatever. If there should be any inquiries about me, keep your mouth closed."

Twice my friend Sarto called in the days that followed, but I flattered myself that from me he learnt nothing.

On the morning of Christmas Eve five letters were pushed through the box. Eagerly I tore them open. The last, bearing a Dutch stamp, with the post mark of Utrecht, contained the expected card, with the inscription: "To dear Camillo"—a small hand-painted scene upon celluloid, with forget-me-nots woven round the words, "With the Compliments of the Season."

Half-an-hour later, having burned the card according to my instructions, I dispatched the mysterious message to Manchester.

That evening, about 10 o'clock, Sarto called for me to go for a stroll and drink a Christmas health. But as we turned from Clarges street into Piccadilly I could have sworn that a man we passed in the darkness was old Sims. I made no remark, however, because I did not wish to draw my companion's attention to the shuffling old fellow.

Had the telegram, I wondered, brought him to London?

Ten minutes later, in the Cafe Monico, my friend Pietro lifted his glass to me, saying:

"Well, buona festa, caro mio. Take my advice, and don't trust your Count too implicitly."

"What do you mean?" I asked. "You always speak in enigmas!"

But he laughed, and would say no more.

Christmas Day dawned. Grey and muddy, it was rendered more dismal by my loneliness. I idled away the morning, anxious to be away from England and travelling again, but at noon there was a caller, a thin, pale-faced girl of fifteen or so, poorly dressed and evidently of the working class.

When, in response to her question, I had told her my name, she said:

"I've been sent by the Count to tell you he wishes to see you very particularly to-night at 9 o'clock at this address."

She handed me an envelope with an address upon it, and then went down the stairs.

The address I read was: "4, Bishop's Lane, Chiswick."

The mysterious appointment puzzled me, but after spending a very cheerless Christmas, I hailed a taxi-cab at 8 o'clock and set forth for Chiswick, a district to which I had never before been.

At length we found ourselves outside an old-fashioned church, and on inquiry I was told by a boy that Bishop's Lane was at the end of a footpath which led through the churchyard.

I therefore dismissed the taxi, and after some search, at length found number four, an old-fashioned house which stood alone in the darkness amid a large garden surrounded by high bare trees—a house built in the long ago days before Chiswick became a London suburb.

As I walked up the path the door was opened, and I found the old man Sims standing behind it.

Without a word he ushered me into a back room which, to my surprise, was carpetless and barely furnished. Then he said, in that strange croaking voice of his:

"Your master will be here in about a quarter of an hour. He's delayed. Have a cigarette."

I took one from the packet he offered, and still puzzled, lit it and sat down to await the Count.

The old man had shuffled out, and I was left alone, when of a sudden a curious drowsiness overcame me. I fancy there must have been a narcotic in the tobacco, for I undoubtedly slept.

When I awoke I found, to my amazement, that I could not use my arms. I was still seated in the wooden arm-chair, but my arms and legs were bound with ropes, while the chair itself had been secured to four iron rings screwed into the floor.

Over my mouth was bound a cloth so that I could not speak.

Before me, his thin face distorted by a hideous, almost demoniacal laugh of triumph, stood old Sims, watching me as I recovered consciousness.

I tried to ask the meaning of it all, but was unable.

"See, see!" he cried pointing with his bony finger to the dirty table near me whereon a candle-end was burning straight before my eyes beside a good-sized book—a leather-bound ledger it appeared to be. "Do you know what I intend doing? Well, I'm going to treat you as all spies and traitors should be treated. That candle will burn low in five minutes and sever the string you see which joins the wick. Look what that innocent-looking book contains!" and with a peal of discordant laughter he lifted the cover, showing, to my horror, that it was only a box wherein reposed a small glass tube filled with some yellow liquid, a trigger held back by the string and some square packets wrapped in oiled paper.

"You see what this is!" he said slowly and distinctly. "The moment the string is burned through, the hammer will fall, and this house will be blown to atoms. That book contains the most powerful explosive known to science."

I could not demand an explanation, for though I struggled, I could not speak.

I watched the old man fingering with fiendish delight the terrible machine he had devised for my destruction.

"You and your friends thought to trap us!" he croaked. "But you see he who laughs last, laughs best! Adieu, and I wish you a pleasant trip, my young friend, into the next world," and he went out, closing the door after him.

All was silence. I sat there helpless, pinioned, staring at that burning candle and awaiting the most awful death that can await a man.

Ah! those moments! How can I ever adequately describe them? Suffice it to say that my hair was dark on that Christmas morning, but in those terrible moments of mental agony, of fear and horror, it must have become streaked with grey.

Lower, and still lower, burned the flame, steadily, imperceptibly, yet alas! too surely. Each second brought me nearer the grave.

I was face to face with death.

Frantically and fiercely I fought to wrench myself free—fought until a great exhaustion fell upon me.

Then, as the candle had burned until the flame was actually touching that thin string which held me between life and death, I fainted.

A blinding flash, a terrible explosion that deafened me, and a feeling of sudden numbness aroused me.

I was lying on the path outside, with two men at my side.

One was a dark-bearded, thick-set but gentlemanly-looking man—the other was Sarto.

Of the house where I had been scarcely anything remained save its foundations. The big trees in the garden had been shattered and torn down, and every window in the neighborhood had been blown in, to the intense alarm of hundreds of people who were now rushing along the dark, unfrequented thoroughfares.

"Dio!" cried Sarto. "What a narrow escape you've had! Why didn't you take my advice? It was fortunate that, suspecting something, we followed you here. This gentleman," he said, introducing his friend, "is the Cavaliere Nasi, chief of our Secret Police of Italy. We just discovered you in time. Old Sims ran inside again when he met us in the path. He thought he had time to escape through the back, but he hadn't. He's been blown to atoms himself, and thus saved us all the trouble of extradition."

I was too exhausted and confused to reply. Besides, a huge crowd was already gathering, the fire-brigade had come up, and the police seemed to be examining the debris strewn everywhere.

Not until we were back again at Clarges street, where two Scotland Yard detectives were rummaging the Count's rooms, did Pietro make full explanation.

And he surely told me a remarkable story.

"They tricked you very cleverly, caro mio," he said, assisting me to bind up my wrist where the cords had cut it deeply. "You thought your Count to be a gentleman—eh? Well, the fact is he, with the old Englishman, were as clever a pair of bank-thieves as there were in Europe. It was they who robbed the Banca d'Italia in Rome a year ago, and we've been looking for them ever since. Though I'm a restaurant waiter, I may as well admit to you at once that I'm really a secret agent of our Department of Public Security, of which the Cavaliere here is the head. There is a good deal of information to be picked up in Soho that is of interest in Rome, I assure you," he laughed.

Then, after a brief pause, he went on: "When the Count arrived in London and I found you in his service, I was puzzled. I had always known you to be honest. We kept observation upon the house in Clarges street, and recognized that some coup was in the wind. The Count one night met two men in the Gambrinus, whom I knew had bad reputations. Then suddenly, and by separate routes, they all crossed to the Continent, leaving you here alone. I wired to the Cavaliere, who was at that moment in Zurich, and he came. But before he could get to London something had happened."

He took from his pocket a cutting from the Pall Mall of Christmas Eve, and I saw it was headed: "Daring Bank Robbery in Holland."

Their plan was apparently most elaborate, and did ample credit to their clever ingenuity. In the well-known and wealthy banking house of Leygraaff, at The Hague, was a young German clerk, whom they bribed to substitute for one of the ledgers a dummy, containing a bomb, not so powerful, but similar to the one which exploded to-night. In it was a time-fuse, and placed with the other books it was duly locked up in the strong room. At 2 o'clock in the morning the Count, old Sims, and two accomplices were waiting in the vicinity, when a terrific explosion occurred, blowing open the strong room and tearing out the side wall and floor of the bank as well. The thieves were in readiness, and, making a dash among the debris, secured a large quantity of bank-notes and negotiable securities. Before others could arrive on the scene they got clear away.

"What did that cipher telegram convey?" I asked, amazed.

"The Count hid for a day in Utrecht, posted a Christmas card to himself, the consequent telegram being an announcement of their success to a confederate waiting in Manchester to take the securities to America. He dare not risk sending a telegram direct himself, for he knew that the Dutch police, when any unusual robbery takes place, have a habit of warning all telegraph offices regarding cipher messages. The simple Christmas card excited no suspicion, and shows how very cleverly everything had been planned.

"But why did the old fiend try to kill me?" I asked.

"Because he recognized me with you. He unfortunately knew me, and he this morning no doubt received word in his secret hiding-place of the arrest of the Count in Manchester, where he had taken the securities. Therefore he believed that their failure had been due to information supplied by you. It certainly was most fortunate that we were watching you in order to satisfy ourselves that there was no charge of complicity against you. Otherwise, you'd have been blown into the air," remarked Pietro grimly.

"And the Count?—where is he?" I anxiously inquired.

"He's slipped through our hands," my friend replied. "The Manchester police arrested him, with the securities upon him, in a bar in Deansgate at midnight last night, but before they could prevent him he placed a revolver in his mouth and killed himself."

Is it any wonder, therefore, that since that day I have never been able to look upon a Christmas card without it stirring within me certain very gruesome memories?

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WHERE IS ANN FAITH?

Great Fortune Awaits Her, But It Will Bring Sorrow as Well as Luxury.

Wherever she is and whatever she may be doing, Ann Faith, now poor and bent and near three score years and ten, is weighing the two great problems of her life in the balance. A great fortune awaits her in Philadelphia, but to secure it she must abandon a still hunt for revenge that has occupied forty years and more of her life. She must expose the child of her misfortune to the gaze of the cruel world, and, above all, she must stand forth from the veil of time and say to all the world, "Here am I!"

Messrs. Hepburn, Carr & Krauss, leading lawyers of Philadelphia, have in their custody the vast fortune left by the brother of Ann Faith, who met a tragic death by the post office in that city in February last. In settling the estate of the deceased Mr. Hepburn came upon documentary records disclosing the real and the greater tragedy of the Faith family and the sorrow and humiliation of Ann Faith, which brought her from the little town of Matican, near Garvagh, Ireland, in the days of the civil war, and which caused her to journey from ocean to ocean and from the Gulf of Mexico to the wilds of Canada and British Columbia, seeking the author of her ruin and the father of her child. Day by day, week by week, during these forty years and more she has kept up the still hunt, and held herself aloof from all those in America and Ireland who knew her, and she was the belle of all the region around Kilmoyle.

Soon after her departure from Matican one of her two brothers followed her to the United States. The other brother remained in the old homestead, and unless Ann Faith comes forth and claims that which is hers or permits her child to declare her dead and make the claim in her stead the whole estate of her brother will go to the descendants of her brother in Ireland. Should Ann Faith or her child come forth and prove their kinship one-half of the great fortune would be surely paid to them.

A most amazing feature of this domestic tragedy is found in the fact that during all the forty years and more which Ann Faith has devoted to the hunt for the father of her child she never once communicated with her family in Ireland nor with her brother in Philadelphia, who was accidentally killed in February last. She has been indirectly heard of at various times in Ontario, the state of Washington, Oklahoma and Texas, and no sooner would her brother learn of her whereabouts in some remote section of the United States or Canada and set his agents to work to bring her home to him than she would disappear as if the earth had opened up and given her a final resting place. She not only made it her business to keep near her quarry, but to keep far away from her family and former friends, and now that the last member of her family in America has passed away, leaving behind a fortune that is hers of right, Messrs. Hepburn, Carr & Krauss have opened up communications with agencies in all parts of the United States and Canada, with a view to having this old woman forget the wrongs of her youth and come forth to claim that which is hers and to spend the balance of her days in peace and quiet, and if she please in comfortable obscurity.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Levy, of Juneau, Alaska, are in Victoria.

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Dr. Mark Sinclair visited his sister here during the holidays.

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Miss Herring, of London, Eng., is the guest of Mrs. M. A. Wylde.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kelly are spending a few days in Seattle.

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Mrs. A. J. Mallett, of Vancouver, is visiting friends in the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Melhuish, of Vancouver, are spending the holidays here.

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T. E. Haley, of Honolulu, is in Victoria, where it is his intention to make an extended stay.

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The Misses Ferguson, of Vancouver, are spending the Christmas season with friends here.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grant, Vancouver, are in town and expect to remain some weeks.

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Mr. Frank Mawhinney, of Kelowna, joined Mrs. Mawhinney here for the Christmas holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lane, of London, Eng., who are touring the coast, are guests in Victoria at present.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Shakespeare, who were recently the guests of friends in the Terminal City, are back in town.

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The Katharine Goodson party attended the initial performance of "The Great Divide," at the Victoria theatre last evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swain, of Morris, Man., are spending the Christmas season in Victoria, and are guests at the Dominion hotel.

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Mrs. Rowlands, of 137 Phoenix Place, Beacon Hill park, will be the hostess of a musicale this evening, which promises to be a most enjoyable function.

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Miss Katherine Wallace, who is attending Columbia College, New Westminster, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wallace, of this city.

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Mr. George F. Chandler, of D. G. S. Quadra, was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Gerrard, at the parsonage of the Metropolitan church on Thursday evening, Rev. T. E. Holling officiating.

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Those intending to participate in the Cinderella dance at Government House, on Monday evening, the 28th, are making great preparations for the event. Many pretty dances will be given by the children.

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Roy Troup and Mrs. Troup arrived in the city from the North on Thursday, just in time to celebrate Christmas with their friends in Victoria. Mr. Troup operated the little stern wheel steamer Craigflower on the Skeena during the latter part of the season.

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Sam Sea, jr., of Portland, is spending his Christmas holidays with his many friends in this, his native city. Mr. Sea represents a company with headquarters in Seattle. He is quite well pleased with Portland as a place of residence. He is receiving a hearty welcome in Victoria from his old friends.

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A PRAIRIE ROSE

Written for the Times by Marguerite Evans.

CHAPTER VIII.

"The boss is goin' courtin'," announced Billy, the cockney, in a stage whisper, putting his head in at the door of the post office, where Nan was killing time with a novel while waiting for her lover to call to take her to Rose Russel's wedding, which was to take place quietly that evening.

"How do you know?" asked the half-breed, instantly alert.

"I've been a watchin' of him. 'E's been a puttin' on of a new paper collar, an' 'e's been a brushin' of his clothes, an' now 'e's a puttin' of peppermint candies into a bag."

"Peppermints?" sniffed Nan, "who'd eat his old peppermints?"

"The widow McPherson would, an' be glad to get 'em," sniggered Billy, "but I don't think as 'ow she'll 'ave the chance. I made her cake dough. We don't want none o' 'er snoopin' around 'ere; an' we don't want 'er himp of a son neither, we don't."

"Hymph! that old yellow thing," sneered Nan.

"That's just wot I've been a sayin' to the boss, 'e says to me says 'e, 'Billy, wot do you think o' the widow McPherson?' says 'e.

"'Shucks,'" says I, "I don't think nothin' o' 'er, I don't," says I, "she's alus a buyin' o' them patent medicines," says I, "an' them kind o' wimmen is alus a-gawin hand a findin' fault," says I.

"'e sets there a chewin' o' 'is whiskers an' a twirlin' of 'is thumbs for a spell, an' then 'e says to me, says 'e: 'Wot do you think o' the widow Maloney?' says 'e, a lookin' at me out o' the corner o' 'is eye, an' a chewin' o' a nutshell for a change,'

"'Well, I don't know as she's hup to much for work,' says I, 'but she's mighty nice to look at,' says I, 'an' its a fine thing to 'ave a pretty woman a smilin' at you when she's a pourin' of your tea,' says I, 'an' then 'e hup an' presents me with a necktie that was so faded 'e couldn't sell it. But, 'e's gone an' I'm a goin' hup stairs to watch which trail 'e 'its.'"

Left to herself, Nan, who had donned a new blouse for the wedding, and had never looked prettier, glanced complacently at her reflection in the little mirror hanging on the wall, and took up an oblong parcel which had come that day in the mail, examining it inquisitively. It was addressed in a dainty feminine hand, to the Hon. Godfrey Lambert, and bore the English post mark.

"It's a photograph, I know it is," she thought, "I wonder if it's a lady! I wish I could just take one little peep at it."

The parcel was tied with a pink cord, and in an evil moment, the little postmistress remembered that there was a ball of the same sort of cord in her desk. What then was to hinder her opening the parcel and tying it up again?

Taking the scissors she snipped and snipped at the cord until the pasteboards fell apart disclosing a photograph of an old English castle with ivy crowned towers, and so absorbed was she in the contemplation of it, that she did not hear the jingle of the door bell, which announced that some one had entered the store. Neither did she notice that a quick, light step was coming near the wicket.

She looked up at last, and encountered the blue eyes of the owner of the photograph watching her with an angry light in them such as she had never seen there before.

The wrapper, lying face up on the desk close to the wicket told the story plainly, and she knew that the Englishman understood.

"Nan so sorry," she said, with meekly lowered lids, knowing that any attempt at equivocation would be worse than useless, "Nan is a bad, bad girl," she ventured to raise her lids a hair's breadth, and, encouraged to see signs of relenting, continued, "but she did so want to see what a real English lady looked like."

"What made you think it was a photograph of a lady?" demanded Lombart sternly, but the pretty culprit was quick to detect an undercurrent of laughter in his tone, and approached a little nearer, leaning her elbows on the wooden sill supporting the wicket, and bringing the entire battery of her charms to bear upon him she looked irrestible.

Yet Lambert hesitated. Was it worth while? The little witch was certainly giving him plenty of encouragement, and he had borne the cowpuncher an unpaid grudge since the first day of his arrival. His heart was bitter, more bitter than it had ever been before, with the thought that this was Rose Russel's wedding night. It might be that the girl so near him would help him—for the moment—to forget. The sight of the cow-puncher's stormy face outside the window—a face which unfortunately the little temptress did not see—decided him. He was miserable—heart sick—therefore, the cow-puncher should be heart-sick, too. That was only fair.

"I shall have you arrested," he said, with affected sternness.

Nan removed her elbows and gave a pretty little scream.

In an instant, Lambert had left the wicket and was standing in the room beside her.

"Nan," he said, taking hold of her slender brown hands, and placing them on his shoulders, "you must give me exactly six kisses, or off to prison you go for tampering with His Majesty's mail. You knew it was a penal offence, I suppose?"

They were dangerous eyes that the half-breed raised to his. There was coquetry and mischief in them, but there was sullen, relentless anger, too, that he had dared to threaten her.

Still she made no attempt to resist, as recklessly mockingly, defiant of something he saw outside the window, the Englishman drew her arms around his neck and kissed her lightly on the lips.

Then—there was a report! a shiver of glass—!! and Godfrey Lambert fell heavily to the floor!

Nan gazed with horror struck eyes—not at him, but at the window where her lover, Jack Lawson, was forcing an entrance, the smoking revolver in his hand and a demonical glow in his eyes.

"Have I killed him?" he asked, unconcernedly, touching the recumbent figure with his foot. Together they turned the face to the light. There was no disfigurement about him—no stain of blood—no ugly mark—yet he lay cold and still as if touched by the pale hand of the destroyer.

Outside, in the fast gathering foggy dusk, they could hear Bill's voice shouting: "'elp! 'elp! murder! 'elp!"

To Nan's terrified ears, the voice sounded like the trump of doom, but Larson's square-jawed face revealed nothing save an eccess of cheerfulness.

"Go quick for the doctor," Nan whispered, "he will be down at the manse."

Larson did not stir. "He's dead," he said, "what's the use?"

But the half-breed's brain had been working quickly. She locked the door opening into the store and closed the wicket.

"Come!" she said vehemently, pointing to the window, "let us get out of this before the people break in, they will arrest you! and shut you up in jail! hang you, maybe! come!"

She had touched the right chord. In all his wild, free, glad life Jack Larson had never known a dog's illness or confinement.

The Englishman had knowingly and deliberately taunted him—challenged him! and for killing him, he felt not the slightest remorse or regret.

It had been a fair fight—and he had won—! that was all. Had the Englishman riddled him with bullets the hurt would not have been half so deadly—or the smart so fierce, as when he had kissed his sweetheart under his very eyes. But to be arrested!—imprisoned! He became instantly as alert and cunning as a fox which has all but felt the cruel snap of the trap.

He dropped out of the window, swung the girl in his arms, and looked for the ponies which he had left untied. They were gone! He seemed to feel the click of the trap closing on him, as excited voices and shouts for help sounded in and around the store—and for the moment he shook with terror.

"Stay here!" Nan whispered, leading him to the shelter of the woodshed. "Nan bring Englishman's ponies." With trembling fingers she untied them from the post at the sheltered side of the store, and handing her lover Lambert's mink-trimmed overcoat, which the latter had left lying carelessly on the back of the seat, bade him put it on.

Larson did so mechanically, then sprang to the seat beside her, and favored by the dusk they made their escape safely by the back entrance.

The cow-puncher put his arm around his sweetheart, and held her to him fiercely, as the ponies dashed along the trail. No word of recrimination passed his lips. She was his! —— his! The Englishman had tried to steal her from him, and he had killed him—he would kill any other man! He exacted no promise from her, raised no objection when she said that Rose Russell—not she, should take him over the bridge—which was sure to be guarded—and from thence to the railway station, twenty-six miles away, in time to catch the main line for the West, where he might lose himself in the mining camps. He shifted the responsibility of his flight and subsequent safety unto Nan, and Nan shifted it unto Rose without thinking or caring what it might mean to her.

(To be continued.)

MARGUERITE PETALS

With the passing of Ike Marvel, Donald Grant Mitchell, aged 84, on December 15th, at New Haven, Conn., one feels as if one had lost an old friend. His best known work, "Reveries of a Bachelor," published in 1850, has been read and re-read, and read yet again, by thousands, who, although they knew nothing of the author, loved him for his quaint sayings.

The following reveries called Smoke, Blaze, Ashes, strike a chord which will find a sympathetic response in every bachelor's heart:

"A wife?—thought I—yes, a wife!

"And why?

"And pray, my dear sir, why not—why?

"Why not hesitate; why not tremble?

"Does a man buy a ticket in a lottery—a poor man, whose whole earnings go in to secure the ticket—without trembling, hesitating, and doubting?

"Can a man stake his bachelor respectability, his independence and comfort, upon the die of absorbing, unchanging, relentless marriage, without trembling at the venture?

"Shall a man who has been free to chase his fancies over the wide world, without let or hindrance, shut himself up to marriage-ship, within four walls called home, that are to claim him, his time, his troubles, and his thoughts thenceforward forevermore, without doubts thick, and thick-coming as smoke?

"Shall he, whose whole life has been but a nimble succession of escapes from trifling difficulties, now broach without doubtings—that matrimony where, if difficulties beset him, there is no escape.

"Can any wife be prettier than an after-dinner fancy, idle, and yet vivid, can paint for you? Can any children make less noise than the little, rosy-cheeked ones, who have no existence except in your brain? Can any housewife be more unexceptionable than she who goes sweeping daintily the cobwebs that gather in your dreams?

"Then, again—there are the plaguey wife's relations. Who knows how many maiden aunts will come to spend a month or two with their 'dear Peggy,' and want to know every teatime 'if she isn't a dear love of a wife?' Then, dear father-in-law will beg to give a little wholesome counsel; and will be very sure to advise just the contrary of what you had determined to undertake. And dear mamma-in-law! and some fidgety old uncle!"

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"Love is a flame, ruminated I; and how a flame brightens up a man's habitation.

"It is not enough, after all, to like a dog. If now, in that chair yonder—close beside you, were seated a sweet-faced girl with a pretty foot, lying out upon the hearth, and if you could reach an arm around that chair back without giving offence—if, in short, you were no longer a bachelor, but the husband of some sweet image, would it not be far pleasanter than this cold, single night—sitting, counting the sticks, reckoning the length of the blaze, and the height of the falling snow?

"The fire fell upon the hearth; the blaze gave a last leap—a flicker—then another—caught a little remaining twig—flashed up—wavered—went out.

"There was nothing but a bed of glowing embers, over which the white ashes gathered fast."

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"After all, thought I, Ashes follow Blaze, inevitably as Death follows Life. Misery treads on the heels of Joy; Anguish rides swift after Pleasure.

"Come to me again, Carlo," said I to my dog; and I patted him fondly once more.

"It is very little pleasure one takes in fondling brute favorites; but it is a pleasure that when it passes leaves no void.

"But, if your heart—has linked itself by bands strong as life to another heart is the casting off easy, then?

"Alone, with your dog living on bones and you on hope—this could be borne. Philosophy would bring home its stores to the lone man. Money is not in his hand; but knowledge is in his brain; and from that brain he draws one faster, as he draws slower from his pocket. He remembers, and on remembrance he can live for days and weeks. The garret, if a garret covers him, is rich in fancies. The rain, if it pelts, pelts only on him used to rain peltings. And his dog crouches, not in dread, but in companionship. His crust he divides with him and laughs.

"But—if not alone?

"If a wife is clinging to you for support, for consolation, for home, for life—she feared in luxury perhaps, in faint for bread?

"Then, the iron enters the soul; then the nights darken under any skylight. Then, the days grow long, even in the solstice of winter."

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FOREMOST WOMAN PIANIST OF THE DAY.

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ZINC SMELTER PROVES SUCCESS

PLANT AT NELSON IS NOW IN FULL SWING

Description of First Electrical Process on the Continent.

The Nelson Daily News gives the following details regarding the starting of operations at the zinc smelter in that city, which was briefly referred to in telegraphic dispatches a few days ago:

The electric zinc smelter of the Canada Zinc Company, Limited, in this city, which has been under construction during the past year, started operation late in the autumn and is now producing spelter and lead silver bullion from mixed zinc-lead ores and complete success can be said to have crowned the efforts of the promoters. The average ore treated so far has been about 40 per cent. zinc, 10 per cent. lead and 13 ounces in silver with 1-5 per cent. copper. This new plant also saves the copper in the ore as a copper matte and is a departure in the smelting of ores in the use of a current of electricity in place of a blast. This enables the zinc to be saved in the smelting of any ore. In the blast furnace the blast burns the zinc.

The plant represents the expenditure of about $125,000—and five years of experimental work in the development of the method. Owing to the great value of the method in enabling ores to be worked that otherwise would not pay a profit, the present government of the province of British Columbia has assisted in the installation of the plant at Nelson to the extent of $20,000—and the result is already apparent in the increase in the value of properties carrying mixed ores of zinc.

The electricity for the electric furnace is generated at Bonnington Falls on the Kootenay river, where there is sufficient power to

Smelt All the Zinc Ores

the district can produce. It is transmitted to the plant at 16,000 volts and transformed to the lower voltage in the company's own substation.

While experiments in regard to the undertaking have been in progress for about five years, the Canada Zinc Company, Limited, has been actively pushing operations for the past two years and success has now been achieved. The manager of the company is Robert Irving and a number of prominent local men are interested. Frederick T. Snyder, of Chicago, is the inventor of the process in use.

The plant is situated in Fairview, adjoining the city park and the C. P. R. shipyards, and is accessible by both water and rail, a wharf having been erected and a spur track built into the property. Its capacity at present is ten tons a day, but this is to be increased to thirty tons in the near future and further as necessity arises. The number of men employed in connection with the works at present is forty, and as the plant is extended this number will be increased.

The city of Nelson, British Columbia, has the honor of having the first works of its kind on the Continent, although similar plants have been in operation in Sweden, where the treatment of ore by electricity, has met with a high degree of success, for about three years. It is true that a small experimental plant was located at Vancouver, but the Nelson plant is the first to be established

On a Commercial Basis.

In Sweden, conditions are exceedingly favorable to this method of treating ore for electric power can be secured for about $5 or $6 per horse power, while even the price of city power here is $30 per horse power. One of the problems which the promoters of the zinc works had to face was to reduce the cost of the power and to do this a system has been worked out by which only about half the power is required to operate the local plant as would be used in a similar work in Sweden. The success of the Canada Zinc Company's works will revolutionize mining in this country.

Frederick T. Snyder, who has worked out the process in use in the local plant, discussing the matter yesterday, said that he looked to see great development in the electric treatment of ore in this country within the next few years. For example, there was no reason why pig iron should not be produced by electricity from the abundance of iron ore now lying untouched in the district around Kootenay river and Kootenay lake and one of the possibilities for Nelson was the location of a plant of that kind in this city. At present all the pig iron used in this country is brought from the United States or Scotland. There was no reason, Mr. Snyder said, why this pig iron should not be produced right here in Nelson.

Another thing that could be produced by an electrical process for which there would be good demand was calcium fertilizer, Mr. Snyder said. This was made from lime rock and nitrogen from the air. Large quantities of it were being manufactured in Sweden at the present day and there was no reason why the same thing could not be done here for there was an abundance of the right kind of lime rock along the Columbia lakes and in other places and there should be an unlimited market for the produce on the prairies and in other agricultural centres where fertilizers were required.

The development of the process of the Canada Zinc Company and the measure of success that would attend its efforts, Mr. Snyder said, had been

Watched With Interest

by mining men all over the Continent, and many who had never before heard of Nelson, British Columbia, now know where it is and also something about the country. The success of the works, it was needless to say, should attract still greater attention and also should assist in interesting outsiders in mining in the country, now that it can be made so much more profitable.

Mr. Snyder has furnished the Nelson Daily News with the following particulars regarding the process, which he has developed.

In British Columbia, as in most large silver producing districts, zinc was found accompanying the lead ores from the beginning of development. When the mines were shallow and the workings near the surface the proportion of zinc was low or it occurred in distinct bands which could be avoided and were left standing in the stopes. With greater depth the relative proportion of zinc to lead increased and the blend and galena occurred intermixed. In the lower levels of many mines zinc has practically replaced all lead.

While the lead ore of the Slocan district is exceptionally high-grade in silver, shipments in excess of 100 ounces to the ton being common, this silver is largely not a direct constituent of the galena, but of an associated gray copper ore (Freibergite), assaying when picked out 4,000 to 5,000 ounces of silver to the ton. Occurring more often mixed with the galena, the gray copper, in many of the larger producing properties, is also in the blend to which it gives silver values (50 to 60 ounces to the ton) which are unusual in zinc ores and which make the

Satisfactory Marketing

of these ores a matter of serious difficulty.

Lead when reduced from its ore occurs as a liquid and may be ladled out and cast into pigs. Zinc when reduced from its ore occurs as a metallic gas which is extremely inflammable and which must be rigorously kept from contact with the air. This difference has developed radically different methods of smelting lead and zinc ore. Lead ore mixed with coke is smelted in a blast furnace, the lead as reduced dropping into a crucible at the bottom. Zinc ore cannot be smelted in this way as the air of the blast would burn the zinc gas as it formed.

Zinc ore is therefore smelted in horizontal clay pipes about a foot in diameter and five feet long heated to a white heat from the outside. One end of the pipe is closed. The other end is closed all but a fine hole and this end sticks out of the furnace in which the retorts are placed for heating. The zinc gas generated flows to the exposed cool end of the retort and condenses there out of contact with the air and is then ladled out and cast into pigs.

Unfortunately for the owner of mixed ores of lead and zinc, each metal strongly interferes in the process used for producing the other. When zinc ore goes into a blast furnace along with lead ore, the zinc is reduced as well as the lead, but the zinc gas at once burns in the blast to zinc oxide, which in an infusible solid and eventually chokes up the furnace. By skilful smelting a certain amount (15 per cent.) of this oxide can be dissolved in the slag and so removed from the furnace. There is no practical way of subsequently saving such an amount of zinc from the slag. In general the more zinc in a lead furnace the slower it melts and the more trouble occurs.

On the other hand lead in a zinc retort charge leads to equal difficulties. Part of the lead is carried over with the zinc and contaminates the spelter. Another part, as lead oxide, melts and running down through the charge to the bottom or hottest part of the retort, there combines with the clay of the retort to form slag, developing holes and destroying the retort. Iron in an ore is as bad as lead, as it operates in the same way to injure the retorts, the iron oxide combining with the clay of the retort to form slag.

From a zinc smelter's point of view

Iron is Advantageous,

as the iron helps to make slag and the more iron in the slag the more zinc oxide can be dissolved and carried away.

With the lead smelter the lead in falling through the ore absorbs and carries down substantially all the silver. With the zinc smelter, part of the silver is lost in roasting, but most of it remains in the residue, when they are charged from the retort. This silver can be recovered by shipping the residues to a lead smelter and re-smelting them in a blast furnace. The weight of the residues to be shipped and resmelted is something over half the weight of the original ore.

With the purpose of avoiding the troubles due to foreign metals, both lead and zinc smelters penalise ores containing them. The lead smelter exacts an additional charge of 50 cents for each per cent. of zinc in an ore in excess of 10 per cent. On ore carrying 20 per cent. of zinc, at this rate the additional charge of zinc above the normal smelting charge is $5 per ton. As all the zinc is cost no credit is given for its metal value, which in British Columbia with 20 per cent. exceeds $15 per ton of ore.

The zinc smelter exacts an excess charge of $1 for each per cent. of iron in an ore in excess of 2 per cent. With ore carrying 6 per cent. of iron, this rate means a deduction of $4 per ton. To cover the loss of silver in roasting, the zinc smelter usually deducts 5 ounces from the assay return. To cover the freight and treatment costs of re-smelting the zinc residue for silver and the incident losses a further deduction of 25 cents per ounce is made from the metal value of the silver. On an ore carrying 30 ounces of silver per ton these deductions exceed $9. Lead is

Not Usually Paid For

by a zinc smelter. With an ore carrying 8 per cent. this represents a deduction in British Columbia of metal value to the amount of $4. These deductions are all in excess of the normal cost of either lead or zinc smelting.

Thus, through causes inherent in the metallurgy of the metals, the miner of a lead ore high in zinc or zinc ore high in silver suffers charges covering legitimate deductions and losses, which seriously reduce the net return on the ore, whether the ore be marketed with a lead smelter using blast furnaces or a zinc smelter using externally fired retorts. On much of the ore produced in British Columbia these deductions exceed $15 per ton in addition to the normal charge for freight and smelting.

Now, as to the system which we have developed in this city. To force heat through the wall of a zinc retort and into the ore requires a certain drop of temperature. The outside of the retort is hotter than the centre of the ore inside. This difference is proportional to the thickness of the wall and the ore. The temperature required to thoroughly reduce zinc ore at the centre of a retort being fixed, the larger the retort and the thicker the ore through which the heat is forced the hotter the outside of the retort must be. With a retort 12 inches in diameter, the outside comes near to the melting point when the ore at the centre is hot enough. This limits the individual retorts to a size that holds about 100 pounds of ore. Treating ore in such small lots leads to excessive labor cost. As the useful heat has to be put in from the outside through the walls of the retort, the heat waste is large, amounting usually to 85 per cent. of the heat available in the fuel. Even with this the walls of the retort have to be thin and retort renewals from breakages is one of the large items of retort smelting.

Long ago it was recognized that if the zinc furnace charge is

Heated Internally by Electricity

each of these troubles is avoided. With heat generated in the ore and not having to penetrate from the outside the retort can be enlarged in size to a point where machinery can replace hand labor, with corresponding decreased labor costs per ton. No heat having to pass through the walls, they can be made thick and mechanically strong. Fire brick and iron can replace pottery. There being no heat generated outside, the loss of heat is reduced to that leaking through the thick walls, possibly 15 per cent. of the whole. It being no longer necessary with internal electrical heat to keep the retort horizontal, it is placed vertically and the ore fed in at the top instead of being forced in from the side. Certain other advantages follow from the vertical position. Any lead in the charge instead of falling against and corroding a hot wall, will fall to the bottom end and can be collected separately from the spelter. But the principal advantage from the electrical heat is that the residues can be so strongly heated as to melt, not only thoroughly boiling the zinc gas out of them, but making it possible to move the residues by the low labor plan of tapping off slag.

Later than with zinc, but now a number of years ago, it was recognized that there were advantages in replacing in a lead furnace the internal generation of heat from the burning of coke with a blast, by the internal generation of heat from electricity. The heat efficiency of the heat blast furnace while better than that of the retort zinc furnace is below 50 per cent. Most of the loss occurs in heating the great volume of the cold air of the blast and in the form of chemical energy carried off in the partly burned gases from the furnace top. These same gases carry off silver and lead values of considerable moment. With electricity for heat in a lead furnace in place of coke and a blast

Considerable Advantages Accrue.

The silver and lead loss from the top of the furnace is stopped. The power required to produce the blast is saved. The furnace capacity is increased as the space formerly occupied by coke becomes available for ore. But the principal advantage is that the zinc in the charge is no longer burned and may be condensed and saved. The slag being freed of the burden of dissolving this zinc requires less iron and can be compounded to carry away lower lead and silver values.

With these various modifications made possible and advisable by the use of electricity for heat, as is the case in connection with the Canada Zinc Company's system, the zinc furnace and the lead furnace become practically the same structure and the process carried on in each becomes identical. The zinc limitations as to lead and iron and silver and the lead limitations as to zinc being removed such electricity heated combination furnace is especially adapted to mixed ores of lead and zinc, and zinc ores high in silver, both of which are to be met in this country so frequently.

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Chas. Hayward, additions, Government street, $2,500.
Mrs. Berryman, dwelling, Vancouver street, $800.
Mrs. J. Dinclair, dwelling, McClure street, $425.
R. Porter & Sons, store, Government street, $950.
Isidore Nodek, dwelling, Cook street, $4,500.
T. Duncanson, dwelling, Queen's avenue, $1,700.
H. Stadthagen, dwelling, Yates street, $1,300.
Mrs. Burton, dwelling, Prior street, $1,000.
Thornton Fell, additions, Fort street, $250.
C. E. Planton, dwelling, Sumas street, $1,500.
F. S. Barnard, auto shop, Esquimalt road, $300.
Thos. M. Sturgess, dwelling, St. Lawrence street, $1,500.
Alex. Bruce, dwelling, Russell street, $100.
Moore & Co., dwelling, Andrew street, $1,900.
Lewis Scott, dwelling, Toronto street, $450.
E. F. Geiger, stable, Fisguard street, $250.
E. A. Lewis, dwelling, Haywood avenue, $4,000.
James Couch, dwelling, Cook street, $2,050.
John Gleason, stable, Lane street, $480.
J. Coates, dwelling, Bay street, $1,600.
Ogilvie Hardware Co., shop, View street, $1,000.
Mrs. Brgnolpen, dwelling, Centre road, $450.
John Porter, kitchen, Francis street, $350.
C. W. Kirk, coal shed, William street, $1,500.
L. A. Genge, dwelling, Vancouver street, $8,000.
G. R. Sheppard, dwelling, Powell street, $1,800.
Mrs. McCulloch, dwelling, Linden avenue, $2,500.
A. Fairfield, barn, Pendergast street, $150.
J. Fyfe, dwelling, Fisguard street, $3,550.
J. Newbury, dwelling, Mears street, $800.
S. T. Styles, dwelling, Blanchard street, $1,500.
C. S. Keating, dwelling, Chambers street, $2,600.
Walter Mullett, dwelling, Graham street, $1,800.
R. W. Roper, cottage, Pine street, $490.
W. C. Van Munster, dwelling, Moss street, $1,500.
G. W. Neil, dwelling, Shakespeare street, $475.
Jas. Moggy, dwelling, Bank street, $1,850.
Henry Roberts, dwelling, David street, $1,950.
Mrs. H. O. Miles, dwelling, Pandora avenue, $3,500.
John Greenwell, kitchen, Alpha street, $300.
F. A. Small, dwelling, Richardson street, $4,000.
Cody & Doan, dwelling, Chamberlain street, $2,300.
L. Frederickson, kitchen, Queen's avenue, $150.
Wm. Birnie, dwelling, Frances street, $450.
W. M. Ross, dwelling, Wilson street, $1,950.
W. T. Baker, store, Ladysmith street, $900.
Mrs. M. McLeod, kitchen, Frances avenue, $450.
H. M. Hooper, dwelling, Moss street, $1,500.
Mrs. A. Rollins, dwelling, Fisguard street, $1,800.
Geo. E. Munro, dwelling, Niagara street, $1,950.
Geo. D. Butt, dwelling, Belton avenue, $1,500.
H. R. Griffin, kitchen, Hillside avenue, $300.
Dunford & Matthews, dwelling, Vining street, $2,400.
Miss C. A. Wylde, dwelling, Yates street, $3,500.
W. Y. McCarter, dwelling, Richardson street, $3,800.
Mrs. E. G. Kermode, dwelling, Grant street, $1,950.
Noel W. Barker, additions, North Park street, $250.
Lim Bang, washhouse, Herald street, $500.
Russell Westcott, dwellings, Johnson street, $3,900.
Larne Cates, alterations, Bay street, $350.
C. F. Smith, dwelling, Wilson street, $1,900.
Mrs. Peirce, dwelling, Cook street, $800.
Joseph Wilmore, dwelling, Pembroke street, $1,900.
A. Johns, dwelling, Dunedin street, $3,600.
Andrew Cox, dwelling, Government street, $2,400.
John A. Dreeser, kitchen, Prior street, $250.
Mrs. C. Williams, dwelling, Hilton street, $1,980.
Jos. Lismore, additions, Springfield avenue, $250.
R. J. Nott, warehouse, Store street, $3,000
J. Smithers, dwelling, Alpha street, $490.
F. H. Torbes, dwelling, Southgate street, $2,300.
W. & A. Fewing, dwelling, Rock Bay avenue, $800.
J. J. Galbraith, dwelling, Queen's avenue, $1,800.
Wm. Fletcher, dwelling, Esquimalt road, $1,600.
J. J. Young, dwelling, Chambers street, $1,700.
Wm. White, dwelling, Cook street, $1,800.
R. H. Swinerton, dwelling, Harrison street, $525.
C. Halliday, dwelling, Menzie street, $475.
Moore & Whittington, dwelling, Carberry Gardens, $3,000.
Mrs. Eliza Sellers, dwelling, Green street, $1,100.
D. & F. Zarelli, dwelling, Johnson street, $4,500.
T. H. Davis, dwelling, Hamilton road, $300.
Joseph Shires, dwelling, Wilson street, $250.
Mrs. R. W. Stevens, dwelling, Craigflower road, $1,800.
J. Critchley, dwelling, Quadra street, $400.
Moore & Whittington, dwelling, Queen's avenue, $1,900.
Albert E. Boyd, dwelling, Government street, $2,400.
Charles Northam, stable, Delta street, $100.
Mrs. J. Police, dwelling, Cameron street, $1,900.
Peter Morrison, dwelling, Blanchard street, $950.
R. H. Bassett, dwelling, Pembroke street, $1,800.
Allen Minnell, dwelling, Howard street, $200.
Mrs. S. Allan, shed, Wilson street, $75.
H. H. Shandley, dwelling, Fairfield road, $4,500.
Thomas Dawe, dwelling, San Juan avenue, $1,500.
Victoria Gas Co., barn, Pembroke street, $1,050.
Wm. Easton, dwelling, Harbinger avenue, $2,800.
Robert Chadwick, dwelling, Government street, $3,000.
W. H. Clark, dwelling, Lewis street, $1,900.
Geo. Miller, stable, David street, $50.
School Board, school, Kingston street $2,750.
School Board, school, Yates street, $2,000.
W. H. George, additions, Cook street, $100.
Douglas Brown, dwelling, Niagara street, $1,950.
Theo. Sparks, dwelling, Ontario street, $3,000.
Bannerman & Horn, warehouse, Kingston street, $4,000.
John McMillan, dwelling, Simcoe street, $1,250.
Bond & Clark, dwelling, Government street, $3,600.
B. Bjornfelt, Turkish baths, Fort street, $4,000.
George A. Johnston, dwelling, Cook street, $4,800.
Frank V. Wright, dwelling, Cowichan street, $700.
Victoria Yacht Club club house, Kingston street, $1,850.
W. H. Langley, dwelling, Foul Bay road, $8,000.
E. F. Gascoigne, shop, Burnside road, $250.
A. V. Elmhurst, dwelling Elfort street, $1,600.
Horace Johnston, dwelling, Wilson street, $1,500.
W. D. Scoville, dwelling, Davie street, $1,000.
W. C. Coplin, dwelling, Ladysmith street, $460.
John Dunn, dwelling, David street, $1,600.
Thomas Lowe, dwelling, Bushby street, $300.
W. H. Lomers, restaurant, Yates St., $300.
Toni Frank, dwelling, Rudlin street, $600.
John C. Newbury, dwelling, government street, $1,950.
W. J. Earle, dwelling, Graham street, $450.
Dr. S. G. Clements, dwelling, McClure street, $3,750.
C. A. McGregor, dwelling, Cook street $1,000.
F. H. Stephenson, dwelling, Pembroke street, $2,950.
Westholme Lumber Co., office, Brouhghton street, $500.
N. Bertuccia, stable, Gladstone street, $150.
Cameron & Clark, dwelling, Fairfield road, $2,800.
McPherson & Fullerton, dwelling, Rudlin street, $1,850.
Mrs. McGavin, dwelling, Niagara street, $730.
John Mutlow, dwelling, Gladstone avenue, $100.
J. P. Hibben, dwelling, Pandora street, $825.
N. S. Paul, dye works, Gladstone street, $600.
F. O. White, dwelling, Blackwood street, $1,850.
Mary B. Elliott, dwelling, Lee street, $1,500.
A. M. Walter, dwelling, Langford street, $3,100.
Sisters of St. Ann, school, View street $1,800.
D. R. Alcorn, dwelling, Garbally road, $1,650.
Lizzie Sebastian, dwelling, Rock Bay, $150.
Mrs. C. F. Penwill, dwelling, Dallas road, $1,800.
W. D. McGregor, dwelling, Southgate street, $1,950.
C. A. Gass, auto shed, Fort street, $150.
Wm. Allen, dwelling, Fort street, $1,950.
John Carling, dwelling, Rose street, $800.
Worthington Bros., warehouse, Store street, $600.
D. R. Boucher, dwelling, Fernwood road, $1,800.
H. T. Knott, dwelling, McClure street, $3,000.
H. T. Knott, dwelling, Pandora avenue, $4,000.
F. T. Glick, dwelling, Ladysmith street, $480.
Fullerton Bros., dwelling, Davie street, $2,000.
Anna B. Kerg, dwelling, North Park street, $950.
R. Dunn, dwelling, Pembroke street, $1,600.
Mrs. Reade, dwelling, Pembroke street, $3,200.
W. J. Pendray, boiler house, Laurel Point, $1,500.
S. M. Hartman, dwelling, Cook street, $4,750.
Mrs. L. V. Thompson, barn, Fernwood road, $150.
Jos. Lesueur, dwelling, Shakespeare street, $250.
Lee Woy, stores, Fisguard street, $6,000.
William Clare, dwelling, Johnson street, $1,600.
W. C. Holt, dwelling, Garbally road, $1,500.
J. O. Nicols, dwelling, Busby street, $1,800.
W. C. Stewart, dwelling, Front street, $1,000.
H. T. Knott, dwelling, South Turner street, $2,500.
T. P. McConnell, dwelling, Medana street, $1,980.
P. J. Jeune, dwelling, Caledonia street $900.
G. E. Dixon, dwelling, Simcoe street, $3,500.
Bevan Bros. Co., dwelling, Davie street, $3,500.
R. Hetherington, dwelling, Graham street, $1,600.
Mrs. R. Muriset, dwelling, Rose street, $1,200.
John Butler, dwelling, Montreal street, $1,600.
J. C. Moore, dwelling, Fourth street, $1,700.
Pacific B. & C. Co., dwelling, Pine street, $2,400.
Forbister Bros., dwelling, Graham street, $1,000.
Peter Olsen, barn, Sayward street, $150.
Dr. J. A. Graham, dwellings, Harbinger street, $6,000.
C. B. Sylvester, dwelling, Hillside avenue, $1,900.
J. Phillips, dwelling, Parry street, $1,500.
Mrs. J. C. Ranns, dwelling, Oswego street, $160.
F. Marfon, dwelling, Hillside avenue, $900.
G. McCandless, dwelling, Queen's avenue, $4,000.
McQueen & Todd, dwelling, Stanley avenue, $1,500.
Mrs. E. Johnston, dwelling, Ladysmith street, $1,000.
Alex. Sims, dwelling, May street, $150.
W. R. George, additions, May street, $100.
J. Townsley, dwelling, North Park street, $1,500.
J. Gunn, dwelling, Hillside avenue, $2,500.
Geo. Mitchell, stable, Richardson street, $50.
Thos. Wood, dwelling, Oak Bay avenue, $150.
Fred Letts, dwelling, Shakespeare street, $500.
A. White, dwelling, Pembroke street, $1,750.
Chas. Northam, dwelling, Brunside road, $1,600.
A. G. Godfrey, dwelling, May street, $3,000.
Helen K. Andrews, dwelling, Hillside avenue, $2,500.
F. A. Stevenson, dwelling, Cook street, $2550.
S. Cruickshanks, dwelling, Hillside avenue, $2,500.
Baptist church, church, Cook street, $1,500.
Lee Mong Kow, stores, Yates street, $3,500.
Norman Lee, dwelling, Pembroke street, $150.
Viola McDonald, dwelling, Government street, $2,200.
C. Wenger, dwelling, Quadra street, $2,600.
Mrs. C. King, dwelling, North Park street, $1,800.
D. Ruffer, dwelling, Ladysmith street $800.
Hanna Hodges, dwelling, Alpha street, $200.
Moore & Whittington, dwelling, Harbinger street, $1,800.
Mrs. R. Lemon, dwelling, Cook street, $2,900.
Victoria Machinery Depot Co., warehouse, Esquimalt road, $1,000.
Charles Hall, storehouse, Earle street, $325.
C. Mitchell, dwelling, Langford street, $185.
Wm. Eddie, dwelling, Bank street, $425.
Geo. Smith, dwelling, Fifth street, $100.
Mrs. J. Bosence, dwelling, Lansdowne street, $1,095.
B. C. Electric Co., storage room, Store street, $4,000.
Geo. Calder, dwelling, Niagara street, $225.
Thos. A. Switzer, dwelling, Mears street, $2,500.
N. F. Rant, dwelling, Burdette street, $200.
H. G. S. Heisterman, dwelling, Belmont street, $2,900.
L. F. Russell, dwelling, Herald street, $1,800.
Mrs. A. J. Garesche, dwelling, Fairfield road, $2,500.
J. J. Sparrow, dwelling, North Park street, $1,200.
Cameron & Clark, dwelling, Fairfield road, $3,000.
S. Cruickshanks, dwelling, Hillside avenue, $2,500.
Victoria Machinery Depot Co., stables Esquimalt road, $300.
R. Tait, dwelling, Oswego street, $1,700.
W. Grimm, carriage factory, Pembroke street, $2,000.
M. H. Doble, dwelling, Duchess street $1,800.
Jas. Townsley, dwelling, North Park street, $1,500.
Geo. Gallient, workshop, Fourth street, $100.
Wm. Yule, dwelling, Jackson street, $700.
Jas. Fairall, dwelling, Clarence street, $2,000.
Annie Griffiths, dwelling, Cedar Hill road, $450.
T. P. McConnell, dwelling, Menzie street, $2,200.
Wm. Andrews, dwelling, Crescent street, $3,000.
S. Wales, dwelling, Southgate street, $1,800.
Jas. Smith, dwelling, May street, $125.
Mrs. Pascoe, dwelling, Caledonia avenue, $400.
William Martin, dwelling, Bridge street, $1,000.
Mrs. E. Lowell, dwelling, Ladysmith street, $300.
Hibben & Co., stores, Government street, $3,500.
Frank Neelands, dwelling, Carroll street, $950.
Robt. Mason, dwelling, Richmond street, $1,000.
R. H. Ferguson, dwelling, Vancouver street, $3,200.
John Creed, dwelling, Johnson street, $2,800.
Arthur Knight, dwelling, Fourth street, $150.
Wilson Noble, dwelling, Croft street, $1,200.
A. M. Gordon, dwelling, Harbinger street, $1,900.
John Anderson, dwelling, Fifth street $1,500.
Hydraulic Supply Co., pipe shop, Princess street, $1,900.
City Fire Hall, Dunedin street, $4,320.
H. J. Stevenson, dwelling, Bushby street, $1,900.
J. H. McGregor, dwelling, Pendergast street, $1,900.
G. C. Mesher, dwelling, Pendergast street, $3,800.
City, fire hall, Kingston street, $4,580.
J. W. Gidley, dwelling, Edward street, $1,000.
John Arbuthnot, garage, Richardson street, $1,175.
E. B. McLean, dwelling, McKenzie street, $1,500.
Samuel Riley, dwelling, Pembroke street, $475.
Wm. Turpel, dwelling, King's road, $2,450.
Baker & Flumerfelt, sheds, Government street, $100.
T. A. Cairns, dwelling, Niagara street $3,200.
Mary Garland, dwelling, Green street, $1,000.
C. F. Bevan, dwelling, Vancouver street, $1,800.
J. Taylor, dwelling, Edmonton road, $1,500.
Lemon-Gonnason Co., office, Orchard street, $1,200.
Robt. Pinkney, dwelling, May street, $200.
McPherson & Co., dwellings, Fort street, $2,000.
R. H. Powell, barn, Pandora avenue, $200.
Bevan Bros., dwelling, Fernwood road, $4,200.
W. A. Leitch, dwelling, Chamberlain street, $1,950.
F. A. Thompson, dwelling, Hillside avenue, $4,200.
Leigh & Sons, engine house, David street, $500.
Edgar Raxner, dwelling, Chambers street, $150.
W. J. Sanders, dwelling, Chapman street, $1,400.
L. J. Quagliotti, store, Yates street, $2,500.
F. Cochenour, dwelling, Fisguard street, $2,550.
C. C. Smith, additions, Moss street, $150.
R. L. Carruthers, dwelling, Frost street, $150.
Mrs. Baird, dwelling, Adelaide street, $780.
Moore & Co., dwelling, Princess street, $1,500.
L. Dickenson, store, Douglas street, $1,100.
City, school, Yates street, $1,525.
W. D. Owen, dwelling, Superior street $2,000.
G. H. Joyce, dwelling, Washington street, $1,500.
Staneland Co., additions, Fort street, $150.
Moore & Co., dwelling, Davie street, $1,800.
F. Schnoter, dwelling, Oscar street, $2,800.
Blagmire & Hagerty, barn, Quadra street, $400.
Henry James, barn, Pine street, $150.
Jas. Keppock, dwelling, Ladysmith street, $1,000.
H. T. Knott, dwelling, Pandora avenue, $2,500.
Sweeny & McConnell, garage, First street, $100.
D. H. McGregor, dwelling, Southgate street, $1,500.
National Finance Co., dwelling, Queen's street, $1,800.
R. Seabrook, dwelling, Discovery street, $1,800.
R. Hetherington, dwelling, Queen's street, $1,850.
John E. Hunter, dwelling, Cedar Hill road, $450.
Dunford & Matthews, dwelling, Quadra street, $1,800.
W. J. C. Ede, poultry house, Cedar Hill road, $300.
Jas. Cummings, dwelling, Blackwood street, $520.
A. Chalton, store, Gorge road, $1,200.
W. A. Mitchell, dwelling, Washington street, $1,800.
A. M. Muir, dewelling, Pandora avenue, $4,400.
John Lefevre, dwellings, Toronto street, $3,000.
Isaac Marks dwelling, Bank street, $1,700.
W. J. Hanna, dwellings, Yates street, $6,000.
W. J. Hanna, dwelling Vancouver street, $1,800.
Rebecca McIntosh, dwelling, Third street, $1,500.
H. Selbanbaum, conservatory, Catherin street, $200.
A. R. Anderson, dwelling, Topaz street, $600.
C. P. Hawkins, dwelling, Foul Bay road, $7,800.
A. H. Mitchell, dwelling, Fernwood road, $2,200.
L. Goodacre, stores, Jonnson street, $1,500.
Effie Halliday, butcher shop, Niagara street, $450.
J. J. Townsend, dwelling, Foul Bay road, $750.
R. J. Blakeway, dwelling, Hillside avenue, $2,450.
Moore & Co., dwelling, Princess street, $1,500.
James McIntyre, dwelling, Aston street, $300.
McPherson & Co., dwelling, Langford street, $1,400.
Wm. Baxter, dwelling, Ladysmith street, $100.
Jane Peterson, dwelling, Carnsew street, $3,000.
Lim Dat, cabins, Fisguard street, $2,400.
Isabella Gilchrist, dwelling, Work street, $1,600.
J. H. Hescott, dwelling, Market street, $1,800.
Walter McNair, dwelling, Summit street, $250.
Bell and Rolland, dwelling, Jubilee hospital, chapel, Mt. Tolmie road, $3,500.
Moore & Co., dwelling, Davie street, $1,600.
J. Mitchell, dwelling, Sayward street, $200.
W. J. C. Ede, dwelling, Cedar Hill road, $2,400.
A. Chisholm, dwelling, Blackwood avenue, $400.
D. B. Stewart, dwelling, Craigflower road, $490.
B. Wilson & Co., cold storage, Herald street, $25,000.
John Harvey, dwelling, St. Andrew's street, $1,600.
J. M. Malcolm, dwelling, Hillside avenue, $8,000.
James Levy, dwelling, Alfred street, $1,500.
C. H. Bowes, store, Government street, $200.
P. R. Brown, dwelling, Gladstone street, $2,800.
Robert Scott, Rose street, dwelling, $1,400.
John Week, Chapman street, dwelling, $1,700.
Capt. Rogers, mushroom raising house, $300.
Wm. Hawksley, Fifth street, stable, $150.
E. J. Holiday, Niagara street, stable, $100.
Francis G. Fox, Cecelia street, kitchen, $200.
H. Lawson, North Park street, stable, $150.
Kirk & Co., William street, soda water factory, $1,950.
M. H. Doble, Duchess street, dwelling, $1,800.
W. J. Hatch, Caledonia avenue, dwelling, $1,000.
J. Young, Harbinger avenue, dwelling, $2,100.
M. Dempster, Fisguard street, dwelling, $2,100.
Dr. T. J. Jones, Linden avenue, dwelling, $8,000.
James Fairall, Menzies, dwelling, $1,200.
James Donegan, Hereward road, dwelling, $600.
J. P. Burgess, Hulton street, dwelling, $1,900.
Fred. Rampley, Belcher street, dwelling, $2,500.
W. J. Pendray, Belleville street, worshop, $450.
J. A. Scott, Mears street, stable, $150.
Geo. C. Mesher, Hulton and Cowan streets, 9 dwellings, $16,650.
Geo. C. Mesher, Pendergast street, dwelling, $1,850.
Chinese colony, Chinese public school on Fisguard street, $12,000.
W. & J. Wilson, Herald street, wholesale stores, $25,000.
James Donegan, Wilson street, dwelling, $600.
B. Revercombe, Denman street, dwelling, $2,500.
J. J. Sparrow, North Park street, dwelling, $1,800.
Mrs. C. E. Bothwell, Cornwall street, kitchen, $200.
George Oliver, Langford street, dwelling, $1,200.
Mrs. Gray, Cook and Fairfield streets, dwelling, $2,600.
Mrs. Elizabeth, Lohbrunner, Connaught road, kitchen, $200.
W. H. Berridge, Vancouver street, dwelling, $3,500.
Ernest Rawlings, Richmond avenue, workshop, $200.
B. C. Land & Investment Co., small addition to rear of hotel on Yates street, $300.
S. E. Matthews, Chambers street, dwelling, $1,800.
J. F. Rutherford, Shakespeare street, dwelling, $1,800.
Edward F. Geiger, Princess street, dwelling, $2,600.
Bevan Bros., Davie street, barn, $175.

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MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA

The Forty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Directors and Shareholders of the Merchants Bank of Canada was held at noon on Wednesday, December 16th, the president, Sir H. Montagu Allan, in the chair. Amongst other directors and shareholders present were Messrs. Jonathan Hodgson, Thomas Long, C. F. Smith, Hugh A. Allan, Alex. Barnet, R. Campbell Nelles, G. Duncan, George Hague, John Patterson, C. R. Black, A. Brown, M. S. Foley, F. Hague, J. Watson, E. F. Hebden, T. E. Merrett and D. C. Macarow.

The president appointed Mr. J. M. Kilbourn, secretary of the Bank to act as secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were taken as read.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The President then submitted the annual report of the Directors, as follows:

Your directors beg to submit the Annual Statement of the affairs of the Bank at close of books on November 30th last, covering the year's business. The net profits amount to $738,597,19, which is less than those of a year ago, but it will be borne in mind that conditions have been less favorable. Our interest bearing deposits have grown to a considerably larger sum latterly, while our call loan funds—nearly $11,000,000—have likewise greatly increased under a slowing down of trade activity, the latter yielding a substantially less return than at any date for many years back.

After paying the usual dividend of 8 per cent., we have disposed of the surplus earnings by writing down Bank Premises Account $100,000, contributing $25,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, and carrying forward the balance to Undivided Profits Account, which has now reached the total of $400,997.94.

All the Branches of the Bank have been duly inspected. We have found it desirable to close the sub-office at Douglas, Ontario, which did not justify being continued. We have opened Branches at Melville, Sask.; Wainwright, Alta., and in Toronto on Parliament Street.

With reference to the world-wide monetary stringency experienced the past year, bordering at times on panic conditions, without claiming undue prescience, we had early indication of the coming storm and prepared for something of the kind well in advance, so that our course through the growing pressure was made much easier and without stress to our extensive discounting clientele. Meantime, a clearer financial outlook has supervened, and we look from this on to a gradual revival of general trade, following upon an excellent crop in the Northwest and good prices.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. MONTAGU ALLAN,
President.

STATEMENT OF THE RESULT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE BANK FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th NOVEMBER, 1908.

The Net Profits of the year, after payment of charges, rebate on discounts, interest on deposits, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to		$ 738,597 19
The balance brought forward from 30th November, 1907, was		267,400 75
Making a total of		$ 1,005,997 94
This has been disposed of as follows:		
Dividend No. 82, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum	$120,000 00	
Dividend No. 83, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum	120,000 00	
Dividend No. 84, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum	120,000 00	
Dividend No. 85, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum	120,000 00	
	$	480,000 00
Written off Bank Premises Account		100,000 00
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund		25,000 00
Balance carried forward		400,997 94
		$ 1,005,997 94

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS,
At 30th November, 1908.

Liabilities.		
1.—To the public:—		
Notes in Circulation		$ 4,740,478 00
Deposits at Call	$12,514,562 52	
Deposits subject to notice (accrued interest to date included)	25,889,153 87	
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	2,933,156 29	
		$41,327,872 68
Balance due to Agents in Great Britain		8,412 15
Dividend No. 85		120,000 00
Dividends unclaimed		865 00
		$46,197,627 83
2.—To the stockholders:—		
Capital paid up	$6,000,000 00	
Reserve Fund	4,000,000 00	
Balance of Profits carried forward	400,997 94	
		$10,400,997 94
		$56,598,625 77
Assets.		
Gold and Silver Coin on hand		$ 1,569,823 58
Dominion Notes on hand		3,013,220 00
Notes and Cheques of other Banks		2,276,482 58
Balances due by other Banks in Canada		4,796 95
Balances due Banks and Agents in the United States		12,625 78
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks in Canada	$1,967,782 71	
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks elsewhere than in Canada	8,958,351 07	
		$10,916,133 78
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities		609,071 56
Municipal, Railway and other Debentures		6,344,224 22
		$24,746,377 75
Current Loans and Discounts (less Rebate of Interest reserved)		29,799,622 31
Loans to other Banks, secured		496,889 89
Loans and Discounts overdue (loss fully provided for)		95,798 01
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of Note Circulation		240,000 00
Mortgages and other Securities, the property of the Bank		53,794 88
Real Estate		49,368 69
Bank Premises and Furniture		1,118,666 03
Other Assets		17,089 21
		$56,598,625 77

E. F. HEBDEN,
General Manager.

The President having invited discussion of the report, Mr. C. R. Black spoke as follows:

"I would like to say that I am sure all the Shareholders must be very much pleased with the result of last year's business. It is true that we had a slightly better report last year, but when we consider the tremendous upheaval that has taken place across the line and the fact that we cannot in this country stand aside from the effects of anything like that, and that our financial affairs, our industries and business generally, are influenced very largely by business conditions in the United States, I think that the report just presented us shows that the affairs of this Bank have been managed during the past year with wonderful care and caution. The Directors and the Management must have exercised great prudence, and at the same time cared for the interests of their clients.

Mr. Geo. Hague moved that the scrutineers cast one ballot in favor of the following persons as Directors—

Sir H. Montagu Allan, Messrs. Jonathan Hodgson, Thomas Long, C. F. Smith, Hugh A. Allan, Charles M. Hays, Alex. Barnet, F. O. Lewis and Bryce J. Allan.

Continuing, Mr. Hague said—

"With regard to the Statement just presented, I would say that although the profits are not such as they were a year ago, or such as some other institutions have made, they might have been very much worse if extraordinary care had not been taken to keep the Bank in perfectly strong condition, which is much more important than making great profits. At this moment the Bank is in an exceptionally strong position with regard to its immediate available resources as shown by this statement. They amount to about 50 per cent. of the Liabilities. Formerly we used to be well satisfied if our available resources amounted to 25 per cent. but times have changed, and most of the Banks now keep larger reserves.

"With regard to the names presented, they are the same as last year, with one exception, to replace a Director who has resigned to join the directorate of another bank, and I feel sure that they will be satisfactory to you, and I am sure that all the Shareholders are greatly pleased with the result of their efforts." (Applause.)

The annual report was then unanimously adopted, on the following motion:

Moved by the President and seconded by the Vice-President, that the report of the Directors as submitted be and the same is hereby adopted and ordered to be printed for distribution among the shareholders.

The General Manager of the Bank, Mr. E. F. Hebden, briefly discussed the report, remarking: "There is very little to say beyond expressing the hope that the shareholders may find the exhibit placed before them satisfactory.

"The only other matter I have to refer to is the staff, and to testify to the continuing loyalty and devotion of its members to the shareholders' interests, and to the excellent spirit animating them towards the Bank and one another, and to the good work performed."

Messrs. John Patterson and C. R. Black were appointed scrutineers for the election of Directors.

The President briefly explained that the appointment of Mr. Bryce J. Allan to the directorate was merely temporary, to fill the gap caused by the resignation of Mr. C. R. Hosmer from the Board. He explained that as soon as it was possible to call a full meeting of the Board a permanent Director would be elected.

The motion for the election of the Directors by one ballot was then unanimously adopted.

Mr. J. Campbell Nelles:—"I think a vote of thanks should be tendered the President, Vice-President and Directors and to the General Manager and Staff. While I am not one of the oldest, I am not one of the youngest here. I have had an account with this Bank since 1882, and in all that time I have never met with a single word of discourtesy, while my business has always been carefully looked after, and anyone who has met with the attention that I have always received will have no cause of complaint regarding the Merchants Bank." (Hear, hear.)

The President, on behalf of himself, the Vice-President and Board, and the General Manager, on behalf of himself and the Staff, briefly returned thanks for the meeting's appreciation of their services, after which the meeting adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Directors subsequently held the following officers were re-elected: President, Sir H. Montagu Allan; Vice-President, Mr. Jonathan Hodgson.

PUBLIC HAS LEARNED LESSON IN STOCKS

The Precedent of Other Years is Not Being Followed.

It seems impossible to infuse any genuine or continuous activity into the stock market just now, says Henry Clews & Co., in their latest New York report. Spasmodic attempts to lift prices to a still higher level and spectacular manipulation of low priced specialties fail to stimulate public interest. The old theory that the public will climb after stocks when they have had a big advance no longer works. Just why the public will not come along in its usual philanthropic fashion and relieve the big leaders of their superfluous stocks, it does not tell; but there is only one inference, and that is the public knows better. In these days the outside operator is a much more wary individual than he used to be. Experience has proved a costly but thorough teacher, and the individual now depends much less upon tips and gossip and more upon his own judgment and the guidance of his broker than formerly. He may, of course, err at times; but this is a healthy tendency and one that will in the long run be more profitable than blindly following the leadership of those who simply desire to cast upon him their surplus burdens.

This wariness of the public, which is really an important element in the situation, is not the only reason for present unsteadiness. Security prices are undoubtedly too high when measured by customary standards. As repeatedly stated in these advices, cheap money has been the most powerful single influence in the remarkable recovery of 1908. When call money remained 1½ and 2 per cent. and less, dividend paying stocks appeared particularly cheap. The accumulation of idle money following a panic has always been a powerful stimulant for recovery, and this year cheap money had more lifting power than in previous panics because of its larger supply and the fact that the panic had less serious effects than usual in industrial and mercantile pursuits. If it be conceded that cheap money was the main cause of the rise, it follows that the maintenance of that rise largely depends upon the continuance of cheap money. It is just here that the stock market shows its weakest point. All indications suggest a slow but sure hardening of money rates. The stiffening which usually accompanies preparations for January disbursements is of course only temporary and should disappear by the middle of next month. But there are other and more permanent influences at work which mean higher interest rates. Chief among these will be the new demands for capital. In the first eleven months of this year the new security issues were estimated at about $1,500,000,000, against $1,200,000,000 the same time last year. Of this total two-thirds, roughly speaking, were railroad issues. During the next few months still larger applications may be expected, because the necessities of the railroads are far from satisfied, and it must be remembered that financial operations were very seriously deferred by the panic. Now that confidence is being restored, such negotiations will of course be resumed. This means both a material increase in the supply of securities and higher rates of interest; conditions which it is needless to point out are not favorable to still higher prices. The future of the money market, however, will be affected by additional considerations. A larger mercantile demand for funds is sure to develop next year with the improvement in business, and this demand must inevitably be met. Again, the reserves of the associated banks are showing almost sensational declines; gold exports have been resumed and may be expected to continue, because in the absence of a sufficient supply of grain and cotton bills we must send gold to fill the deficiency. We cannot expect to ship securities to any great extent at these prices, since Europe has been selling Americans and bluntly telling us we are on too high a plane. Hence, with increasing demands for money, disappearing bank reserves and prospecting gold exports it follows that money rates must work gradually higher.

On one side of higher prices we have the resources and the abilities of the strongest leaders the "Street" has ever seen. They still have plenty of stocks for sale, and are seeking relief through bringing in the public. About the only advantage on their side is the prosperous outlook for railroads in 1909. The future in this respect is undeniably bright. All the roads have put important economics into effect, and with the advances in rates already or about to be enforced they are sure of liberal gains in net earnings whether the volume of traffic goes back to 1907 records or not. This policy of course insures the maintenance of dividends and is the source of all increase rumors. The fact, also, that the public attitude towards railroads is becoming more reasonable has a favorable effect upon values. Here, however, the list of sound bull arguments ends. The fact remains that the market is above its natural level; especially when measured by the final test of interest rates. It is quite within the power of the present leaders to manipulate prices still higher, though a healthier and more effectual policy would be to permit a reasonable decline. This would stimulate activity, attract new buyers, broaden the market and make a more successful distribution of congested holdings possible. As said in previous advices, the market has been bulled to a standstill. The movement for months has been all in one direction; and no permanently successful operations were ever carried out on such lines. The market requires frequent to-and-fro movements which would secure a much healthier and more legitimate distribution of stocks. Under present highly artificial conditions both investors and speculators must operate with exceptional discrimination; or later on they will find themselves carrying high-priced stocks on a declining market.

The Local Markets

The retail prices are as follows:

Oils—	
Pratt's Coal Oil	1.65
Eocene	1.75
Meats—	
Hams (B. C.), per lb.	25
Bacon (B. C.), per lb.	30
Hams (American), per lb.	25
Bacon (American), per lb.	25@ 30
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	18
Shoulders, per lb.	15
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	20
Beef, per lb.	10@ 18
Pork, per lb.	12½@ 15
Mutton, per lb.	12½@ 20
Lamb, hindquarter	1.50@ 2.00
Lamb, forequarter	1.25@ 1.75
Veal, per lb.	12@ 20
Suet, per lb.	15
Farm Produce—	
Fresh Island Eggs	60@ 65
Eastern Eggs	35
Best Dairy Butter	30@ 40
Butter (Creamery)	40@ 45
Lard, per lb.	20
Western Canada Flour Mills—	
Purity, per sack	2.00
Purity, per bbl.	7.75
Three Star Patent, per sack	1.85
Three Star Patent, per bbl.	7.15
Hungarian Flour—	
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack	2.00
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.	7.75
Lake of Woods, per sack	2.00
Lake of Woods, per bbl.	7.75
Okanagan, per sack	2.00
Okanagan, per bbl.	7.75
Calgary Hungarian, per sack	1.75
Calgary Hungarian, per bbl.	6.75
Moose Jaw, per sack	1.75
Moose Jaw, per bbl.	7.00
Excelsior, per sack	2.00
Excelsior, per bbl.	7.75
Oak Lake, per sack	2.00
Oak Lake, per bbl.	7.75
Hudson's Bay, per sack	2.00
Hudson's Bay, per bbl.	7.75
Enderby, per sack	2.00
Enderby, per bbl.	7.75
Pastry Flours—	
Snowflake, per sack	1.70
Snowflake, per bbl.	6.75
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack	1.70
O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl.	6.50
O. K. Four Star, per sack	1.70
O. K. Four Star, per bbl.	6.50
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.70
Drifted Snow, per bbl.	6.50
Grain—	
Wheat, per ton	40.00@45.00
Wheat, per lb.	2½
Oats, per ton	32.00@35.00
Barley	35.00
Whole Corn	45.00
Cracked Corn	48.00
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 7-lb. sk.	45
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 22½-lb. sack	1.25
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 45-lb. sk.	2.25
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 90-lb. sk.	4.50
Oatmeal, 10-lb. sack	55
Oatmeal, 50-lb. sack	2.25
Rolled Wheat, 10 lbs.	60
Cracked Wheat, 10 lbs.	55
Wheat Flakes, per packet	25
Whole Wheat Flour, 10 lbs.	40
Graham Flour, 10 lbs.	40
Graham Flour, 50 lbs.	1.60
Feed—	
Hay (baled), new, per ton	16.00@18.00
Straw, per bale	75
Middlings, per ton	35.00
Bran, per ton	32.00
Ground Feed, per ton	35.00
Shorts	34.00
Poultry—	
Dressed Fowl, per lb.	25@ 30
Ducks, per lb.	25
Geese (Island), per lb.	20@ 25
Turkey, per lb.	30
Garden Produce—	
Cabbage, per lb.	2
Potatoes (local)	1.00
Potatoes (Ashcroft)	1.40
Onions, per bunch	2
Onions (Cal.), per lb.	3½
Spinach, per lb.	5
Carrots, per lb.	2
Cucumbers	5
Pumpkins, per lb.	2
Squash, per lb.	3
Green Peppers, per lb.	15

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Lemons	3.75@ 4.50
Walnuts (Cal.)	15@ 20
Walnuts (Eastern)	13
Apples, per box	1.00@1.50
Pineapples, per doz.	2.50@ 3.50
Cabbage, per lb.	2@ 2½
Cocoanuts, each	8@ 10
Ham	19
Bacon	21
Carrots, per lb.	1@ 1½
Bananas, per lb.	5
Pears	1.50@ 1.75
Sweet Potatoes	3
Potatoes (local), per ton	15.00
Potatoes (Ashcroft), per ton	22.50
Butter (Creamery), per lb.	30@ 40
Butter (Dairy)	23
Eggs (ranch), per doz.	60@ 65
Eastern Eggs (selected)	30
Hay, per ton	20.00
Corn, per ton	42.00
Grapes (Malaga), per barrel	7.50
Grape Fruit	5.00
Oranges (Valencia)	5.00
Oranges (navel)	3.00@ 3.50
Onions	1½@ 1½
Onions (Spanish), per lb.	2@ 3½
Dates, per pkg.	8½@ 9
Dates, bulk	7½
Oats, per ton (new)	32.00@35.00
Tomatoes (local), per crate	1.00@ 1.50
Peppers	2.00
Celery	60@ 75
Parsnips	2@ 2½
Figs (Smyrna)	12@ 15

SPUR IN OPERATION.

Coal From Royal Mines Now Being Shipped Over New Line.

(Special to the Times).

Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 26.—The first car of coal was shipped from the Royal mines over the new spur, recently completed. It was billed to Regina. All shipments will now be made over this spur.

TRADES UNION MEETINGS

Barbers	2nd and 4th Monday
Blacksmiths	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Boilermakers	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Boilermakers' Helpers	1st and 3rd Thurs.
Bookbinders	Quarterly
Bricklayers	2nd and 4th Monday
Bartenders	1st and 3rd Sunday
Cooks and Waiters	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Carpenters	Alternate Wednesdays
Cigarmakers	1st Friday
Electrical Workers	3rd Friday
Garment Workers	1st Monday
Laborers	1st and 3rd Friday
Leather Workers	4th Thursday
Laundry Workers	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Longshoremen	Every Monday
Letter Carriers	4th Wednesday
Machinists	1st and 3rd Thursday
Moulders	2nd Wednesday
Musicians	3rd Sunday
Painters	1st and 3rd Monday
Plumbers	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Printing Pressmen	2nd Monday
Shipwrights	2nd and 4th Thursday
Steam Fitters	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Stonecutters	2nd Thursday
Street Railway Employees	1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Stereotypers	Monthly
Tailors	1st Monday
Typographical	Last Sunday

YOUNGEST MAN IN BRITISH CABINET

Minister Who Has Made Reputation for Diplomacy and Repartee.

"Whatever happens," said Mr. Winston Churchill, in one of those Homeric conflicts at Oldham between him and Mr. Walter Runciman, "you will hear of us both again!". That was nearly ten years ago. Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Walter Runciman now sit in the same cabinet, and they can afford to laugh together over those "battles long ago." Mr. Runciman has not lived as much in the public eye as his former opponent, but his progress as a statesman has been rapid and sure. He is one of our young men who have "arrived," writes One Who Knows Him, in the Montreal Standard.

Still in the thirties, Mr. Walter Runciman is the youngest member of the cabinet. His pale, clean-shaven face, and spare alert figure, make him look still younger. When he is addressing the House of Commons he looks remarkably like a clever sixth-form boy advising an assembly of schoolmasters. So young is he, indeed, that when the Labor men who heckled him last spring, inquired "What were you doing when Mr. Burns was leading the dock strikers?" he was able to reply: "What was I doing? I was still at school." And yet the man who presumed on his youth would be likely to court disaster, for if you look at his steady eye and his firm lip you will see that you are not dealing with a youngster in affairs.

Young and Experienced.

Mr. Runciman, indeed, has seen a tremendous lot of experience for his age. He has fought six parliamentary elections in ten years. Three of those he has fought with a third party in the field, and two of them were against Mr. Winston Churchill. Out of the six he has lost only two. He has served on a big school board — at Newcastle — an experience which he chiefly values because there he met for the first time the admirable lady who has since become his wife. But besides this political experience he served for a time in the office over which his father still presides—the office of the great Moor Line of steamships. And he has had other experiences in business. Altogether a varied career for a man who has not reached his fortieth year.

It was no surprise to politicans who had watched Mr. Runciman's record in parliament to find that he was given a post in Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's government. First he was secretary to the local government board, then financial secretary of the treasury, in which position he did such valuable work that he graduated for cabinet rank.

There is nothing "heady" about Mr. Runciman. Self-confidence, which with some is a real power in its rawest state, is with him greatly tempered by prudence. He is not a man who will—shout until he is out of the wood. He knows full well that no victory is assured until the medal is on one's breast.

This caution may be due to the sea tradition in his blood. It is the prudence of the sailor. For Mr. Runciman comes of a sea stock on both sides. His father, now one of the wealthiest shipowners in England, was once himself a sailor, and was even at one time a blockade runner. Both Mr. Runciman's great-grandfathers fought as midshipmen at the battle of Trafalgar. Mr. Runciman himself owns a yacht—the Astraea—in which he sails to every part of the world; and directly the session is over his steps turn straight seaward. He is not happy until he is on the ocean. Now, no one can sail the deep without learning caution. The sea is an enemy you have to watch at every point, and you can allow the elements no margin of risk. That is perhaps why Mr. Runciman now shows himself able to sail on those difficult and temptuous waters where the tides of theology and politics meet.

His Wit.

But you would go very wrong if you thought that Mr. Runciman was all prudence. His elections have made him a hard fighter, and his platform experience has given him a swift gift of repartee. He showed that in the House of Commons the other day when, being asked suddenly by Mr. William Redmond, "What is the difference between a Presbyterian and a Baptist?" he answered with swiftness, "It is the difference between Mr. Balfour and Sir George White." That impromptu, with all its mixture of wit and wisdom, was one of the best repartees given to the House of Commons for some years. But the rumors of even better repartees come to us from country platforms. The other day it is related that a suffragist asked Mr. Runciman: "What are you going to do for us, Mr. Runciman?" To which he replied, "My present official business is to educate you." And perhaps the swiftest and smartest of all is one which dates some years back, but has a certain aptness at the present moment. A heckler was worrying Mr. Runciman on the education question. He began his question, "Now, sir, I have a school in my eye." "No, pardon me," interrupted Mr. Runciman, "you have only one pupil."

During the long and difficult negotiations towards the settlement on education he has proved himself a clever diplomatist. All who came in contact with him speak in the highest terms of his courtesy, his tactics, his fairness, and his firm stand for principle.

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Among the Churches

REFORMED EPISCOPAL.

Church of Our Lord.

Christmas Services.—To-morrow will be a special day with the congregation of the Church of Our Lord. In the morning the rector, Rev. T. W. Gladstone, will preach a sermon for the children on the subject, "A Christmas Present." In the evening the topic will be a continuation of those which have occupied the attention of the congregation for the past few Sundays, the subject being, "Why Christ Came—to Save the World." Special music will be rendered by the choir, and besides the anthems some familiar carols will be sung.

METHODIST.

Metropolitan.

"Messiah" Song Service.—There was a record congregation last Sunday evening to hear the song service from "The Messiah," as rendered by the choir of Metropolitan church, and the management have announced that the service will be repeated to-morrow evening in order to allow as many as possible to enjoy the good music and the inspiration of the service. There will be some slight modifications to the programme, but in the main it will be the same as rendered last Sunday. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Bethune, has done splendid work and the chorus singing was greatly enjoyed by the large congregation. There will be many in the city who will be delighted to know that the service is to be given again on Sunday.

Mission Band Social.—The Mission Band had a very pleasant time on Wednesday last when a treat was given to them by the ladies in charge, the Misses Spencer. The children were all given a seasonable gift and enjoyed the afternoon thoroughly.

New Year's Eve Reception.—The Epworth League will hold a New Year's Eve reception next Thursday evening from 8 to 10.30. A good time is promised to all who attend, the social element will be strongly to the front and everything will be done to make members and visitors feel thoroughly at home. At 11 p. m., following the reception, the annual watch night service will be held in the church. Rev. T. E. Holling will be in charge of the service, and in the time-honored custom the Old Year will be "watched out" and the New Year welcomed.

Entertainment on Tuesday.—The annual entertainment given by the Sunday school scholars will take place on Tuesday next. An excellent programme has been prepared in the shape of a Christmas cantata and visitors are assured a real treat. The children look forward to this event, and hope to see their friends present in large numbers.

Primary Class Treat.—On Thursday afternoon next the primary class of the Sunday school will be given their annual treat by the teachers and superintendent. There will be an entertainment and Christmas tree for the little ones, with the usual gifts for all.

Spring Ridge Sunday School.—The annual Christmas entertainment of the Spring Ridge Methodist school will be held on Wednesday evening next. The scholars and teachers of this flourishing Sunday school have made every preparation to ensure the success of the affair. A most interesting programme has been prepared and the building will be taxed to its utmost to hold all that desire to be present.

Centennial.

Christmas Services.—Special services will be held to-morrow in the Centennial church. The choir have prepared some very attractive music for both services and there will be solo singing of a very high order. Rev. S. J. Thompson will deliver the sermons both morning and evening, suitable to the occasion.

Sunday School Entertainment.—The annual Sunday school entertainment held last Wednesday was a great success. The splendid programme, under the direction of Edward Parsons, was given in the church. The musical part was led by a quartette consisting of Miss Palmer, Miss Bessie Palmer, H. Davis and G. Lowe, while the solo parts were taken by Miss Lily Palmer, Mr. Parsons played the accompaniments in his usual finished style. Recitations were given by Miss Cissy Rogers and Miss Hazel Tippetts. Master Leslie Carter brought down the house with his recital of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." As Master Leslie is only four years old this was his first appearance as a reciter and the applause given him was most enthusiastic. After the programme the audience adjourned to the Sunday school room where the Christmas tree, beautifully decorated, was laden with presents. To the astonishment of all, Santa Claus came through the roof, sliding down on a rope until he reached the platform, where he immediately distributed the gifts. A. Lowe made an excellent Santa Claus.

Victoria West.

Special Services.—There will be special services to-morrow in the Victoria West Methodist church. The choir have prepared some anthems for the occasion and the musical part of the service will be very bright. Rev. A. E. Roberts will preach sermons in keeping with the festive season.

Cantata.—The scholars of the Sunday school will entertain their friends on Monday evening with a cantata which they have been preparing for some time past. There will be recitations, etc., as well and the programme will be a most enjoyable one. The affair will be held in the church and at the close of the programme there will be a distribution of prizes to the children. All friends are heartily welcomed. There will be no charge for admission, but a collection will be taken in aid of the Sunday school funds.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First Church.

Unique Entertainment.—The teachers and officers of the Sunday school are rejoicing in the success which attended the annual Christmas entertainment held last Tuesday. There was a record attendance of parents and friends, and the children acquitted themselves splendidly in the varied and interesting programme. Their efforts were heartily appreciated by the audience. Previous to the programme tea was served to the children, and it is needless to say that every one enjoyed this part of the entertainment. But the crowning success of all was the arrival of the Ark, from which in some mysterious fashion, a fairy appeared to distribute the gifts provided by kind friends. Before the mysterious appearance of the fairy the animals of the Ark were seen to leave, commencing with the huge elephant and finishing with the tiny rabbit. So great a success was this feature of the entertainment that a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Thornton Fell, who had introduced the idea, and to Mr. Ross, who assisted in making the Ark. The officers and teachers of the school also received the thanks of the parents for the efficient manner in which they had performed their duties.

Seasonable Services. — To-morrow, both morning and evening, there will be special services in First church. The choir, under the leadership of J. G. Brown, has prepared music for the occasion, and the evening will be a song service. There will be a number of choruses and solos, and the usual sermon will be dispensed with, the pastor Dr. Campbell, making a few remarks in keeping with the occasion. In the morning Dr. Campbell will preach the Christmas sermon.

St. Andrew's.

Christmas Services. — St. Andrew's church choir, under the leadership of Jesse Longfield, has prepared a splendid programme for to-morrow's Christmas services. The choir will render several anthems and the soloists include Mrs. Staneland, Mrs. J. Longfield, and Mr. Griffiths. The pastor, Rev. W. L. Clay, will deliver sermons appropriate to the occasion.

St. Paul's.

Sunday School Treat.—The annual Sunday school treat which was held in Semple's hall last Tuesday, was pronounced the most successful that has been held for many years. The children and their parents and friends assembled in goodly number and enjoyed the social time together. There was a very interesting programme in which a number of the children took part.

Christmas Services.—In common with the other Presbyterian churches of the city, St. Paul's will have special services to-morrow. Rev. D. MacRae will preach an appropriate sermon in the morning, and Rev. H. McKellar, of Alberta, will preach in the evening. The choir will render suitable music.

BAPTIST.

First Church.

Watch Night.—Instead of the usual mid-week prayer meeting a Watch Night service will be held in Victoria hall, commencing at 11 o'clock next Thursday evening.

Cantate.—Next Tuesday evening the scholars of the Sunday school will give an entertainment consisting of a musical cantata entitled "Prince and Saviour." The children have been trained by Mr. Pollard, and this is sufficient guarantee that the programme will be well rendered.

Victoria West School.—On Wednesday evening next the Victoria West Baptist mission will hold the annual Christmas treat. Tea for the children will be served at 6 p. m., and for the older folks at 6.45. The programme will be given at 8 p. m.

Burnside Mission.—The annual entertainment of the Burnside mission was held in St. Mark's hall, Boleskin road, last Tuesday, and was a most successful affair. There was a very large attendance both of children and their parents, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Interesting Address.—C. H. Lugrin, who was to have delivered one of the speeches at the Baraca banquet, held a week ago, visited the class last Sunday and delivered an address to the young men. He was heard with pleasure and profit and the class hopes to welcome him again.

Tabernacle.

Christmas Sermons.—Pastor Tapscott will preach to-morrow on subjects appropriate to the season. The morning topic will be "The Fact of the Incarnation," and the evening one "The Purpose of the Incarnation." The choir has prepared a splendid programme of music for both services, and the church will be tastefully decorated for the occasion. In the afternoon the Sunday school will have special exercises in commemoration of the Birth of Christ. The programme of the services as announced elsewhere is a most attractive one.

"UNCLE TOM" IN RUSSIA.

Great American Slave Story Favorite Among Czar's Little Subjects.

A St. Petersburg newspaper has instituted a plebiscite to ascertain what fifteen books are considered by its readers most suitable for a child's reading. The result places "Uncle Tom's Cabin" first, followed by Krilof's "Fables," then "Robinson Crusoe." Out of the fifteen books named by Russians nine are foreign, and of these nine six are English, of course in translations.

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BASIS OF UNION AMONG CHURCHES

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Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Bodies May Become One.

In a dispatch to the Times a little time ago a brief outline appeared of the conclusions reached by the joint committee representing the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches looking to a union. Fuller details are now to hand. The Presbyterian, the organ of the church of the same name, thus describes the concluding conference and its results:

The Joint Committee on Church Union, representing the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches concluded its fifth annual conference, but not before it had completed the stupendous task to which it at first addressed itself in December, 1904.

The conveners of the committees on union appointed by the three negotiating churches have presided alternately at these annual conferences. The chairman selected at the first meeting was the late Dr. Warden, while the venerable Dr. Carman had the honor of occupying the chair when the labors of the joint committee were brought to a satisfactory termination.

For three days, forenoon, afternoon and evening, in joint committee, in sub-committees or in denominational sections—sometimes discouraged by the sudden emergence of unlooked for difficulties, and sometimes rejoiced to find that perplexing problems yielded up their solution when handled with Christian patience and in a spirit of mutual forbearance—the representatives of these churches, gathered from all parts of the Dominion, labored assiduously to reach such findings on the various matters in dispute as might constitute a basis on which, if they felt so disposed, the three churches might agree to become organically one.

The absence, through illness, of the senior secretary, the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, was deeply regretted by every member of the committee.

A communication from the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada, in response to the invitation extended to that church to participate in the negotiations for union, and a letter from the bishop of Quebec, chairman of the committee authorized by the Synod to appoint delegates to confer with the joint committee on certain conditions, were referred to the special committee appointed two years ago to meet with delegates from the Anglican church, should such be appointed. The report of this special committee, when presented to the joint committee, was carefully considered and unanimously adopted. These documents will be given to the press when the reply to the joint committee has had time to reach the parties to whom it was ordered to be sent.

The various sub-committees brought under review once more the work already accomplished by them; and, in the light of suggestions forwarded by church courts, congregations and individuals, made such changes in their reports as seemed to be called for.

The report on which the greatest amount of work was needed was that of the sub-committee on administration, and the special difficulty experienced was that of framing such a scheme for the amalgamation of the "Benevolent Funds" of the negotiating churches as would conserve existing rights without interfering with the obligations of the proposed United Church and those who may hereafter become its ministers. After lengthened deliberation, and through the exhibition of a spirit of mutual concession, a plan was devised which commended itself to the joint committee and was adopted.

The reports o fthe different sub-committees were then carefully reviewed by the joint committee and approved of.

The next step taken was the submission of the results of the labors of the joint committee to the denominational sections, in order that the committee of each of the churches might have the opportunity of considering the whole question from its own point of view before any final decision should be come to.

On reassembling, the different sections reported that they regarded with satisfaction the basis of union agreed upon by the joint committee, and resolved to recommend its adoption by the governing courts of their various churches.

The following resolution, moved by Principal Gordon of Queen's University, and seconded by Judge Lect of Montreal, was carried unanimously:

"This joint committee on church union, representing the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches in closing their fifth conference, desire to acknowledge with humble gratitude the goodness of God manifested in all its meetings, in the brotherly spirit of the deliberations, in the harmony of their decisions, and in the solution of the many difficulties presented to them they recognize the guidance of the Divine Spirit, and they respectfully submit the results of their conference to the churches represented by them.

"They believe that the conclusions to which they have been led in regard to the important interests considered by them show that the organic union of the negotiating churches is practicable.

"They assume that ample opportunity will be given not only to the courts, but also the general membership of the various churches, to consider the results of their conferences, and they expect the more fully these are considered the more generally will they be approved.

"The joint committee would have been glad to welcome to its conferences representatives of other Christian communions, and although this widening of the conference has not yet been found practicable, they hope that in the event of a union of the negotiating churches a still more comprehensive union may in the future be realized.

"The joint committee regard their work as now substantially completed. They commit it to the real Head of the church for His blessing and of those portions of His church which they represent with confident hope of their approval."

In order to place all the churches upon an equal footing, it was considered advisable that the voting upon the question of union should take place simultaneously in the three churches, and as the general conference of Methodist church will not meet till September, 1910, it was agreed to recommend that the different churches should express their opinion upon this important subject in the autumn of that year.

WEEK OF PRAYER IN CITY CHURCHES

Arrangements Made for Holding Series of Meetings.

The annual universal week of prayer will be observed in Victoria on the invitation of the Evangelical Alliance. The alliance sends out its invitation to all quarters of the globe, and the first week in the New Year is very generally observed as a week of prayer by all denominations.

The Ministerial Association of this city received the invitation in the usual way, and at the last meeting appointed a committee consisting of Revs. H. A. Carson, C. Burnett, T. W. Gladstone, W. L. Clay and A. E. Roberts to arrange for the meetings. This committee have secured the use of Victoria hall for the evening meetings and the Y. M. C. A. for the afternoon meetings.

The full list of subjects and speakers as arranged, with dates and times of the meetings is as follows:

Monday, January 4th, 1909, "Thanksgiving and Humiliation"; 3 p. m., Rev. Dr. Reid; 8 p. m., Rev. C. Burnett, chair; Rev. W. Leslie Clay, address.

Tuesday, January 5th, 1909, "The Church Universal: Prayer for the 'One Body' of Which Christ Is the Head," 3 p. m., Rev. H. A. Carson; 8 p. m., R. S. Day, chair; Rev. T. E. Holling, address.

Wednesday, January 6th, 1909, "Nations and Their Rulers," 3 p. m., Rev. J. McCoy; 8 p. m., Rev. S. J. Thompson, chair; Rev. G. W. Dean, address.

Thursday, January 7th, 1909, "Foreign Missions, Home Missions and the Jews," 3 p. m., Rev. F. T. Tapscott; 8 p. m., J. L. Beckwith, chair; Rev. D. MacRae, address.

Friday, January 8th, 1909, "Families, Educational Establishments, and the Young," 3 p. m., Rev. T. W. Gladstone; 8 p. m., A. J. Brace, chair; Rev. Dr. Campbell, address.

NO USE FOR "CLOCK-WATCHERS."

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Tells Bible Class How Business Men Fail.

"The business man has no use for a 'clock-watcher,' John D. Rockefeller, Jr., said to his New York Bible class recently.

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It was the first time the young millionaire had led his Bible class in a year, and the attendance was augmented by the presence of a hundred college students.

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"The trouble with you young men who come to New York is that you too easily forget the teachings of your mother. The excitement and pleasure of a great city cause you to forget your daily prayers."

GATE WITH A HISTORY.

Situated in Avon, Mass., is a curious gate made from a tree trunk and parts of branches, the latter forming the word "Equity." It is close beside the main road to Boston, and has long been an object of curiosity to passengers on the trolley cars which pass by. The land in that section was owned at one time by a Mr. Porter, who erected the gate with the word "Porter" inserted. When the town of Avon established a water supply, some of Mr. Porter's land was taken for that purpose. In the dispute that ensued he thought himself unfairly treated, and changed the word to "Equity" as a continual reminder of the injustice, real or fancied, which he suffered. The gate has stood unchanged for twenty years bleached and weather-beaten, but still strong and serviceable, and is used almost daily.—Strand Magazine.

EARLY KNITTING WORK.

Examples of Knitted Works Seen in Fifteenth Century.

Knitting has been known for centuries, and as early as the fifteenth century good examples of knitted work were to be found, especially in Italy, Spain and Germany. Among the first knitted stockings were those made of silk, worn by Henry II. of France on the day of his sister's wedding to the Duke of Savoy, in 1559.

Since then silk has been more and more worn for stockings. The stocking itself has been improved also in many ways, and now the latest development is the double-tipped stocking made with the reinforced so-called garter top that will not wear out where the hose supporter clasp bites the fabric.

CITY CHURCHES

(Notices for this column must reach the Times Office not later than 10 o'clock on Saturday morning in order to insure insertion.)

ANGLICAN.

Christ Church Cathedral, Burdette avenue. The services for the day are: Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning service and ante-communion, 11 a. m.; evening service, 7 p. m. The preacher for the day will be Canon Beanlands. The music follows:

Morning.

Voluntary—Grand Chorus ..... Grison
Venite and Psalms for 27th Day ..... Cathedral Psalter
Te Deum ..... Macpherson
Benedictus ..... Barnby
Kyrie ..... Calkin
Anthem—Worship Him ..... Simper
Solo, Master G. Pauline.
Hymns ..... 60 and 58
Voluntary—Pastorale ..... Wely

Evening.

Voluntary—Christmas Sonata .. O. Dienel
Processional Hymn 59
Psalms for 27th Day .... Cathedral Psalter
Magnificat ..... Goss
Nunc Dimittis ..... Garrett
Anthem—There Were Shepherds .... Gaul
Solo, Miss Archbutt.
Hymns ..... 60 and 62
Vesper Hymn ..... Armitage
Recessional Hymn 67
Voluntary—Xmas Pastorale .....

The following carols will also be sung:
Bethlehem ..... J. Varley Roberts
We Three Kings of Orient Are .....
The First Christmas ..... Barnby
Good King Wenceslas .....
Sleep, Holy Babe ..... Jackson
There Dwelt in Old Judaea ..... Field
The words of the carols will be found in the seats.

St. Barnabas', corner of Cook street and Caledonia avenue. There will be a celebration of the holy eucharist at 8 a. m., choral matins and litany at 11 a. m., choral evensong and calor service at 7 p. m. The rector, Rev. E. G. Miller, will be the preacher for the day. All seats are free and unappropriated. The musical arrangements are as follows:

Morning.

Organ—He Shall Feed His Flock. Handel
Venite and Psalms ..... Cathedral Psalter
Te Deum ..... Woodward
Benedictus ..... Langdon
Anthem—The Angel Gabriel ..... Simper
Hymns ..... 58, 433 and 60
Organ—Let All the Angels of God Worship Him .....

Evening.

Organ—Angels Ever Bright and Fair.. ..... Handel
Psalms ..... Cathedral Psalter
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis ..... Dr. Bunnet in F
Anthem—The Angel Gabriel ..... Simper
Carols—
Wildly Swinging, Gaily Ringing.
(With Hand-Bell Accompaniment.)
The Plains of Bethlehem.
Sing, O Ye People.
Christmas Morn.
A Merry Noel.
The Star Divine.
Vesper—I Will Lay Me Down in Peace
Organ—The Silver Trumpets ..... Viviani

St. John's, Douglas street, corner of Fisguard. Preachers: Morning, Rev. Percival Jenns; evening, Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard. The music follows:

Matins.

Organ—Pastorale ....
Processional Hymn 69
Venite ..... Hine
Psalms for 27th Morning ..... Cathedral Psalter
Te Deum ..... Augustus Toop
Benedictus ..... Garrett
Anthem—O, Zion That Bringest.... Stainer
Litany ..... Barnby
Hymns ..... 62 and 59
Recessional Hymn .....
Organ—Grand Chorus ..... Grison

Evensong.

Organ—Pastorale .... Lemare
Processional Hymn 59
Psalms for 27th Evening ..... Cathedral Psalter
Magnificat ..... Burnett in B Flat
Nunc Dimittis ..... Burnett in B Flat
Anthem—There Were Shepherds ..... Myles Foster
Soprano Solo, Miss Redfern; Bass Solo, Mr. W. H. Mellor.
Hymns ..... 60 and 179
Amen ..... Threefold
Vesper ..... Burnett
Recessional Hymn .....
Organ—Postlude ....

At the close of evensong a special musical service will be given, consisting of a carol cantata and choice organ selections, as follows:

Christmas Night — Salvator Mundi, Natus Est ..... Joseph Bridge
Organ—Midnight at Bethlehem .....
Carol—Come, Hear a Song of Angels.. ..... Adlam
Tenor Recit.—There Were Shepherds. ..... T. Petch
Carol—While Shepherds Watched ....
Tenor Recit.—And Suddenly, and Chorus Glory to God .....
Carol—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.
Tenor Recit.—And It Came to Pass ....
Male Chorus—Let Us Now Go to Bethlehem .....
Carol—O, Shepherds, Whither Wend Ye .....
Tenor Recit.—And They Came With Haste .....
Male Duet Chorus—Song of the Shepherds .....
Organ—Judaean Melody, The Manger Cradle .....
Carol—Guardian Angels .....
Bass Solo—Now When Jesus Was Born ..... W. Williams
Carol, Brightest and Best .....
Organ—Pastorale .....
Carol—Sleep, Holy Babe ..... Dykes
Threefold Amen and Vesper .....
Organ—Chorus ..... Handel

St. James', Quebec street, corner of St. John. Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. Holy communion at 8, matins and sermon at 11, evensong and sermon at 7. The music follows:

Morning.

Organ Voluntary .....
Venite and Psalms .. Cathedral Psalter
Te Deum ..... Bridgewater
Benedictus ..... Garrett
Anthem—Behold, I Bring You Glad Tidings ..... C. J. Smith
Soloist, Miss M. Sweet.
Hymns ..... 59 and 58
Organ Voluntary .....

Evening.

Organ Voluntary .....
Hymn 59
Psalms ..... Cathedral Psalter
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis .... Read
Anthem—Behold, I Bring You Glad Tidings ..... C. J. Smith
Soloist, Miss M. Smith.
Hymns ..... 60 and 62
Vesper Hymn ..... Caffre
Organ Voluntary .....

REFORMED EPISCOPAL.

Church of Our Lord, Humboldt street. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. In the morning the service will be a special one for children. The children of the Sunday school will sing Christmas hymns, and Rev. T. W. Gladstone will speak on "A Christmas Present." The music follows:

Morning.

Organ—Prelude ..... H. Smart
Hymn—Hark, the Herald .....
Venite and Psalms—As set .....
..... Cathedral Psalter
Te Deum—No. 2 .....
Hymn—While Shepherds Watched .... Mercer
Carol—Once in Bethlehem .....
Hymn—While Shepherds Watched ....
Hymn—Once in David's Royal City ..
Organ—And the Glory ..... Handel

Evening.

Organ—Pastorale ..... W. Foulkes
Hymn—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear ....
Psalms—As set ..... Cathedral Psalter
Magnificat—II. ..... Mercer
Nunc Dimittis—XI. ..... Mercer
Hymn—Who Is This So Weak and Helpless .....
Hymn—Hark, the Glad Sound .....
Hymn—The Day Is Past and Over ....
Organ—Gloria ..... Gounod

METHODIST.

Metropolitan, corner of Pandora and Quadra streets. Pastor, T. Ernest Holling. Services as follows: 10 a. m., class meetings; 11 a. m., Divine service; 2.30 p. m., Metropolitan Sabbath school; 2.45 p. m., Spring Ridge Sabbath school; 7.10 p. m., organ recital by Edward Parsons: Pastorale (Sullivan), Nazareth (Gounod), Pastorale Symphony (Handel), Overture to the Messiah (Handel); 7.30 p. m., Messiah song service:

Doxology and Invocation .....
Hymn .....
Prayer .....
Recit.—Behold, a Virgin Shall Conceive ..... Mrs. Hicks
Air—O, Thou That Tellest .....
..... Mrs. Hicks and Choir
Recit.—For Behold Darkness .....
..... Gideon Hicks
Air—The People That Walked in Darkness ..... Gideon Hicks
Recit.—There Were Shepherds .....
..... Mrs. Parsons
Recit.—And Lo, the Angel of the Lord ..... Mrs. Parsons
Recit.—And the Angel Said Unto Them ..... Mrs. Parsons
Recit.—And Suddenly ..... Mrs. Parsons
Chorus—Glory to God .....
Air—He Was Despised ..... Mrs. Hicks
Air—How Beautiful Are the Feet .....
..... Mrs. Reid
Chorus—Lift Up Your Heads .....
Air—Why Do the Nations .....
..... Gideon Hicks
Chorus—Worthy Is the Lamb .....
Hymn .....
Benediction .....
Organ Postlude—For Unto Us a Child Is Born ..... Handel

Centennial, Gorge road. Rev. S. J. Thompson, pastor, will conduct the services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school and Bible classes at 2.30. The Y. P. S. on Monday at 8 p. m. The music for Sunday will be suitable to the season, as follows:

Morning.

Anthem—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing ..... Towne
Quartette—Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices ..... Bessel
Misses Palmer and Beek, Messrs. Blakeway and Dunford.

Evening.

Anthem—Arise, Shine, Thy Light Is Come ..... Sir G. Elvey
Solo and Quartette—Seek Ye the Lord ..... Dr. J. V. Roberts
Solo and Obligato by Sidney Rogers.
Anthem—Hark, the Glad Sound ..... Rev. E. V. Hall
Solo and Quarette—Little Babe of Bethelhem .....
Solo by Miss Palmer.

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PRESBYTERIAN

St. Andrew's, Douglas street, corner of Broughton. Pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A. Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath school, 2.30. Bible class, 3. The pastor will be the preacher for the day. Subject for the evening, "The Seventh Commandment." Strangers heartily welcome. The following special Christmas music will be rendered by an augmented choir and the organist:

Morning.

Voluntary—Christians, Awake .. Hassard
Introduction, Air, Variations and Finale.
Hymn 26
Anthem—Behold I Bring ..... Simper
Hymn 30
Solo—O, Holy Night ..... A. Adam
Offertory—Romanza in D Flat .. Lemare
Hymn 32
Anthem—O, Zion That Bringest Good Tidings ..... Stainer
Hymn 28
Voluntary (Chorus)—O, Thou That Tellest ..... Handel

Evening.

Voluntary—The Silver Trumpets. Viviani
Anthem—Glory to God in the Highest. ..... Hall
Hymn 34
Contralto Solo—Recit. and Air, He Shall Feed His Flock ..... Handel
Mrs. Jesse Longfield.
Soprano Solo—Come Unto Him...Handel
Mrs. W. E. Staneland.
Hymn 27
Offertory—The Pastorale Symphony .. .. Handel
Solo—The Star of Bethlehem .... Adams
Mr. Griffiths.
Hymn 31
Anthem—Sing, O Heavens ..... Clare
Voluntary (Chorus)—The Hallelujah Chorus ..... Handel

First, Pandora avenue, corner of Blanchard street. Rev. Dr. Campbell will preach at both services, 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Bible class and Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Subject for the morning, "The Advent of the Son of God." In the evening the service will be that of song. The following is the music for the day:

Morning.

Hymns ..... 33, 36 and 22
Anthem—The Stars That Now Are Shining ..... Oliver King
Baritone Solo, R. Morrison.
Baritone Solo—Nazareth ..... Gounod
J. G. Brown.

Evening.

Hymns ..... 34, 35, 37, 537 and 76
Anthem—Sweetly Through the Night ..... Shuley
Soprano Solo, Mrs. Gregson; Solo, R. Morrison; Sop. and Alto Duet, Mrs. Gregson and Miss Cameron.
Solo—He Was Despised ..... Handel
Miss Cocker.
Anthem—There Were Shepherds ..... Myles Foster
Soprano Solo, Miss Sexsmith; Baritone Solo, J. G. Brown.
Solo—I Know That My Redeemer Liveth ..... Handel
Mrs. Wm. Gregson.

St. Paul's, Henry street, Victoria West. Rev. D. MacRae, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath school at 2.30; and Y. P. S. C. E. at 8.15 p. m.

BAPTIST.

Tabernacle, corner of Cook and Fort streets. Rev. F. T. Tapscott, M. A., pastor. Programme for Christmas Sunday is as follows:

Morning.

Hymns ..... 78, 764 and 85
Sermon—"The Fact of the Incarnation."
Anthems—Ye Earthly Choirs. L. M. White
Hark, the Glad Sound ..... Maker
Tenor Solo—The Light of the World.. ..... Adams

Evening.

Hymns ..... 86, 735 and 96
Sermon—"The Purpose of the Incarnation."
Anthems—
Sing Unto the Lord a New Song .... Novello
Awake, Put on Thy Strength ..... Greene
Soprano Solo—The Manger Cradle ... . Heidlinger

Emmanuel, Spring Ridge. The Christmas music will be rendered to-morrow morning and evening. Sermons by Rev. Dr. Spencer. Morning, "Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh"; evening, "Good Tidings of Great Joy." The annual Sunday school entertainment will take place next Monday evening at 8. The programme will be an excellent one prepared by the scholars. All people interested in children and Sunday schools are invited.

First, Victoria hall, Blanchard street, near Pandora. Services at 11 and 7.30. The pastor, Rev. Christopher Burnett, will preach morning and evening. Morning, "The King in His Beauty"; evening, "Drifting." Sunday schools, main, Burnside and Victoria West, at 2.30. Ladies' Philathea Bible class in Victoria hall at 2.30. Men's Baraca Bible class in No. 1 hall, A. O. U. W. building, Yates street, at 2.30.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Christadelphians, A. O. U. W. building, Yates street. Public lecture at 7.30 p. m. Subject, "The Approaching End of the Age and the Return of Jesus Christ." All welcome.

Christadelphians, Labor hall, Douglas street. Bible lecture at 7 p. m. Subject, "The Dying Year, a Reflection for Living Mankind." All welcome. No collection.

Harmony Hall Mission, View street. Sunday school, 9.45; meeting for worship, 11; Gospel service, 7 p. m., to be addressed by A. J. Brace. Monday, 7.30, Christmas tree entertainment. Thursday (New Year's Eve), young men's Bible class social at 7.30 p. m.; supper, 10 p. m.; watch night service, 11 p. m.

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BURGLARS BUSY IN TERMINAL CITY

They Set Fire to Office in Victoria Block—Christmas Gifts Stolen.

Vancouver, Dec. 25.—An epidemic of burglaries has taken place in the city lately, and nearly every night reports have been made to the police station. Most of these come from the West End, and one of the boldest and most carefully planned burglaries occurred, when the residence of A. Cleveland, corner of Jervis and Haro streets was ransacked and jewelry and silverware valued at several hundred dollars stolen.

Wanton and senseless damage was perpetrated by a burglar or a gang of burglars in the Victoria block, on Pender street. Not only were a number of offices ransacked, but the villains even set fire to the office of the T. F. Paterson Timber Company, 336 Pender street. About half-past twelve a policeman noticed smoke coming out of a place, and gave the alarm. The fire department was soon out and extinguished the flames in the rear office, after they had charred up Mr. Paterson's desk and burned some of his papers. But the damage did not stop there. In the front office was a new Wood typewriter, valued at $120. A tailor shop was entered and a coat and vest and four suit lengths of cloth taken. The next visit was made to the real estate office of Mr. Witherspoon and Mr. Maskill, two doors further on. The burglars had moved the safe and evidently opened it, and closed it again, but no money could be found, and they again vented their ire by knocking the telephone off the wall, and scattering the books and papers around the place.

One of the most contemptible burglaries was that perpetrated in the Fairview Methodist church. A Christmas entertainment had been held there, and some clothing, provisions and goods had been collected and left there for charitable distribution. During the night some one broke in through a rear window and pilfered the whole collection.

CHURCH IS REFUSED VOTE AT NELSON

Court of Revision Disposes of Application by Rev. R. Newton Powell.

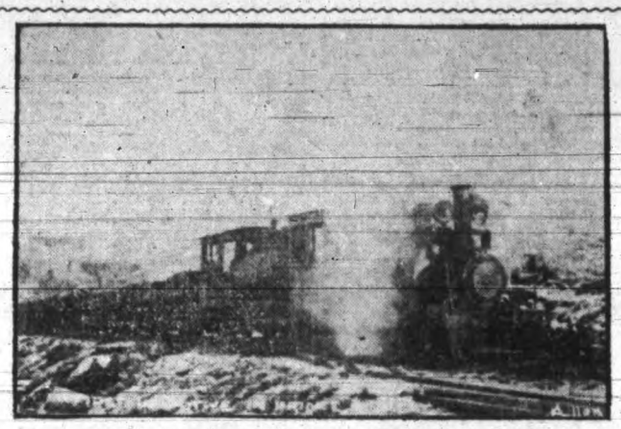
Nelson, Dec. 25.—A novel point came up before the court of revision of the voters' list for the city of Nelson at its session in the shape of an application from the Methodist church to be placed on the list of those entitled to vote at the coming municipal elections. The application was based on the section of the Municipal Clauses' act allowing incorporated companies owning real estate the right to vote and authorizing the board of directors to name the person who shall exercise the franchise for the company. Rev. R. Newton Powell appeared before the court and presented a resolution from the church board appointing Henry Amas as the man whom it was desired should exercise the franchise for the church.

The act of the incorporation of the Methodist church of Canada was discussed at some length and it was ascertained that the board of directors of that church is the governing body of the church in general and hence, as the authorization of Mr. Amas to vote for the local church was not signed by that board, the application was not under the statute sufficient for the purpose desired. It was also questioned whether the Methodist church was a "company" as named by statute, the words of which applying to anyone receiving the right to vote under its provisions being "duly authorized by the directors of a duly incorportaed company." However, as it was not necessary to decide this point, owing to the first objection, it was not disposed of and the application was refused.

cident happened nobody seems to know, but it is supposed that the Oriental was standing too close to the lighted fuse.

CHINAMAN KILLED BY BLAST.

Vancouver, Dec. 25.—Lin, a Chinaman, who was blasting stumps at the corner of Seventeenth and Westminster avenues, had his skull fractured as the result of an explosion, and died in the general hospital. How the ac-



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"The Statue"

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CHAPTER XVIII.—(Continued.)

"Mother," said Millicent, when Emile had resumed his seat. "Aren't you going to play patience?"

"No," said Lady Mary. "Emile has promised to read to me."

And she wiped her eyes.

Emile and Millicent exchanged a glance. The chatelaine had to be treated with infinite tact and care. Her nervous system had been deranged by the experiences which Fate had allotted to her, and she was liable to sudden breakdowns whose symptoms were excessively disconcerting. Moreover, that evening Lady Mary was more sensitive than usual, for Sir Francis Parcuiler, the lawyer, had been down, and Lady Mary had had to sign many papers in connection with the exceedingly complex devolution of Carl Courlander's possessions.

"I'm going to read Loti's Percheur d'Islande," Emile explained.

Millicent's eyes asked Emile whether the Iceland Fisherman of Pierre Loti would be beneficial to her mother's nerves, and Emile's eyes replied that it would. In her youth Lady Mary had been a fair French scholar, and it diverted and flattered her now, in her age to listen to French read as Emile could read.

Just then a servant came in with the post and a London evening paper. There was a picture postcard from Maurice for his mother. It was dated Paris, and as Maurice had written a message on the front of it, there had been threepence excess postage to pay. He informed his mother that he was very well in Paris, that Curtis was with him, and that he did not know when he should be back. And he sent his love to his mother. The servant had offered the newspaper to Millicent, but Millicent with a gesture had directed him to hand it to Emile. Emile was now the sole man of the party. He opened it at the official statement that Abraham Crampiron's sentence had been commuted to twenty years' penal servitude; and an unofficial statement that Crampiron's confession was now generally understood to have been made in a moment of pique caused by domestic misfortunes, and that certain circumstances of a strongly extenuatory nature had been placed before the new Home Secretary, whose first act, etc., etc.

"Anything in the paper?" questioned Lady Mary, passing the card to Millicent. The card had brought balm to her soul.

"No," said Emile with elaborate carelessness. Items of news relating to the tragedy of her life had to be imparted to Lady Mary with many preliminaries and precautions. And in particular she was never told anything in the evening. Emile rustled the pages. "The panic is over in the city. But three firms have been 'hammered,' as they call it. It seems that war between France and Germany is now practically a certainty. The government got majorities of over thirty in three divisions last night."

It pleased Emile thus to display his familiarity with the commercial and political life of England. As to the prospect of war, it seemed not greatly to excite him, but he added: "I may have to serve." He put down the paper, perused Maurice's postcard which Millicent had at length passed to him, and then he picked up Pierre Loti and began to read that charming piece of facile sentiment in his low, clear, French voice.

He had scarcely achieved the first page of it when Norah, whose approach no one had heard, showed herself for an instant between the portieres and beckoned to Millicent. There was something imperative and wild in the quick motion of Norah's white hand, something of pathetic appeal in her features, and Millicent sprang up and went out silently. Lady Mary's eyes were closed, and she was oblivious of the incident. Emile paused in his reading for the fraction of a second and then proceeded. The two girls could hear him as they hurried down the middle drawing-room.

"What is it?" Millicent asked in a whisper, when they reached the third drawing-room and could not be overheard.

"I saw a light in the statue from my window," said Norah excitedly. "It lasted for a little while and then went out."

"Are you sure?"

"I'm sure. Oh, Millicent, who can it be?"

"I don't know."

"I feel it is Maurice. It must be Maurice. He must have come back from Paris."

Norah clutched at Millicent's arm. The prospect, half of fear and half a divine hope, of meeting her husband had moved her to the inmost centre of her soul. That morning she had accomplished the ordeal of seeing her father in his cell. Was she now to face the ordeal of seeing Maurice? She seemed to imagine so.

As Millicent uttered no word, she cried impatiently:

"What are we to do?"

"Hush!" Millicent enjoined her. "We must tell Emile. It won't do to tell him in front of mother; it would alarm her. It won't do to call him out either; that would alarm her too. I'll send a little note in to him." She rang a bell.

Five minutes later a footman brought Millicent the reply which Emile had scribbled on the back of Millicent's note. "Do nothing till I come. I will leave Lady Mary as soon as I can without making her suspicious. The key ought to be in the left hand drawer of the little writing-table in Maurice's bedroom. Please get it."

"It it is Maurice," said Millicent, "Maurice will have the key."

"There must be two keys," said Norah.

They ran upstairs to Maurice's bedroom. The key was in the drawer indicated by Emile. They looked at each other, and went downstairs to the south door and waited for Emile. And Emile did not come. The night was cold, and a full moon made the heavens magnificent and the earth spectrally clear. Far off, as they stood on the terrace, they could distinguish the mighty bulk of the statue under the moon. Each moment they turned to see if Emile was coming, and Emile did not come. Then suddenly the red light flashed in the height of the statue, casting a steady beam to the southeast.

"It must be Maurice," Norah hysterically whispered.

And she ran off down the steps.

"Norah!"

The call was vain. And Millicent had to follw.

Hurry as she might, she did not overtake the girl until Norah, having passed the lake, and crossed the carriage road that united the east and west lodges, was breasting the slope of the avenue of elms. It was an extraordinary pursuit, and Millicent felt it to be extraordinary; but she had no alternative but to engage in it. As chance had it, Norah was in possession of the key.

"Norah," Millicent urged, catching her by the sleeve of her frock, "we must wait for Emile; we can't enter the statue without him. He'll wonder what has become of us!"

"Oh, Millicent," Norah cried, plaintively and yet defiantly, "don't stop me. Of course we can enter the statue. I've been in with Maurice. And he's there now—I feel sure he's there now. And —and—"

Breaking loose, she hurried forward again. And the ruby in the finger of the statue glowed dully under the splendor of the moon that showed the minutest tracery of the elm's naked branches.

At last they reached the statue, enigmatic and formidable now as it had ever been. Norah rushed up the steps of the plinth, Millicent a few paces behind her.

"You can't open it!" said Millicent.

"Yes, I can," Norah asserted. And open the door she did. She seemed to be guided by some singular and infallable instinct. She seemed to be sure, not only that she was about to meet the Maurice of her passionate love, but that such a scene would enact itself between them as would erase all the past and beautify all the future.

Having opened the door, she drew the key from the lock and out of the moonlight passed into the obscurity of the statue's interior. Millicent hesitated, peered down the long slope of the avenue in search of Emile, and then followed Norah. In a moment Norah had found the switch, and the lower hall of the statue glowed under its electric bulbs. Dust lay everywhere, thick and undisturbed. Norah went to the lift and unlatched the cage, and stepped into the lift. Millicent glanced fearfully up the black shaft of the lift-well, and at the top saw a gleam of radiance.

"Norah," she protested, "we can't go up alone!"

"I'm going up," said Norah. "All one has to do is to touch this button."

And she touched the button. She touched it twice. The lift did not stir.

"I'm very glad it doesn't work," said Millicent. "We must wait for Emile."

"I know what's the matter," Norah exclaimed. "It won't go up because the grille isn't shut." She put her hand on the dusty grille to close it. "Are you coming?" she demanded in a determined voice.

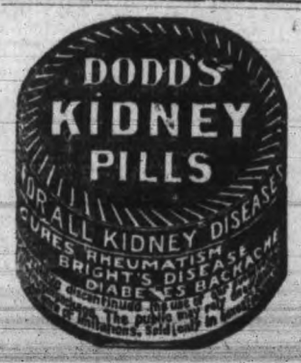
"Norah!"

"Are you coming, or not?"

(To be Continued.)

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5 ROOM COTTAGE, in James Bay district, $1,050; a snap; $250 cash, balance on very easy terms. J. Greenwood, real estate, Government street.

BEAUTIFUL HOME FOR SALE—7 room house, brick foundation, large basement, large barn, etc., nice grounds, lot 88x100, all fenced; easy terms. Empire Realty Co., 612 Yates street.

HOUSES, cottages, etc., built at lowest contract prices consistent with good workmanship and material; designs and estimates free. Box 525, Times Office.

NEW ONE AND A HALF STORY HOUSE, every modern convenience, five rooms, basement; will be ready for occupancy middle of December; Duchess street, near Fort street; $2,500; $600 cash. A. R. Sherwood, 935 Fort street.

FOUR BEAUTIFUL, up-to-date houses, good location, to be sold at a great sacrifice; also two up-to-date automobiles. Any party going into business might be able to make a deal by paying some cash and the rest in real estate, either ranch or house property. One of the autos seats five and the other seven comfortably. Box 462, Times Office.

FOR SALE—New 5 room bungalow, neat design, concrete block foundation, full size basement, well finished throughout, with all modern improvements, and two lots, fruit trees and small fruits. For particulars apply 1433 Grant street.

CHOICE LITTLE PROPERTY near Victoria, fine situation, beautiful surrounding views, splendidly timbered, extra well fenced and laid out; fruit trees and ornamental shrubs; stylish new house, well furnished; and with new barn, dairy, fowl house and woodshed. The whole, including furniture, stock and complete set of implements, horse, cow, buggy, waggon, etc., $1,000 per acre; terms. Address "B. C." Times Office.

SPECIAL—One of the best finished 9 roomed modern houses in the city, with 2 or more lots. C. H. Revercomb, 618 Trounce Ave.

FOR RENT OR SALE—House and one acre, stables and chicken houses, at Mt. Tolmie. 825 William street, Victoria.

Help Wanted—Male

WANTED—Messengers, with wheels. Apply Hasty Messenger Co., 1219 Langley street.

Help Wanted—Female

WANTED—A capable servant; must understand cooking. Elite, 1316 Douglas street.

Housekeeping Rooms

TO LET—Three unfurnished housekeeping rooms, with sink and water, rear of 82 Fort street, between Blanchard and Douglas streets.

Lost and Found

LOST—On Saturday last, the 19th inst., a black Newfoundland dog. Anyone finding the same please communicate with the Assistant Private Secretary, Government House.

LOST—On Friday, 18th, small brown and white spaniel bitch, answering name "Flirt." Return to 339 St. James street, James Bay.

LOST—Irish terrier puppy, two months old, last seen on Menzies street, near Michigan, at noon to-day. Reward on returning to 351 Michigan street.

LOST—Gold brooch, on Saturday night. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to this office.

LOST—Sunday evening, between Pandora and Fort, on or near Cook street, a lady's gold initialled watch. Reward on returning to Times Office.

LOST—A hand bag containing bills, keys, etc., between Rock Bay avenue and Taylor's mill. Finder please return to Bailey & Bloomquist, grocers, corner Fort and Blanchard streets.

Lots for Sale

FOR SALE—Fine lot, Cook street, 10 minutes' walk from Post Office, $825. Address Owner, Drawer 757, P. O.

FOR SALE—Lot 60x120, on Rockland Ave., near Cook. Apply owner, P. O. Box 525.

FOR SALE—Fine lots on Cook street, splendid soil, only $200; easy terms. C. H. Revercomb.

FOR SALE—2 good lots, together, in vicinity of C. P. R. wharf; ideal site for hotel or apartment house; $2,500 each; easy terms. Yates & Jay, solicitors for owner, 546 Bastion street, Victoria.

GOOD BUILDING LOT—Prospect road, close to Fort street and car line, good black soil, for quick sale $350; 3 acres, rich black loam, cleared and fenced, good for nursery, $2,500, liberal terms, 1 mile from City Hall. E. White, 636 Fort street.

Miscellaneous Goods for Sale

TURKEYS—Selected grade, 22c. per pound, delivered to all parts of the city. Fernwood Market, F. E. Clark. Telephone 1271.

FOR SALE—52-foot launch, equipped with Fairbank's-Morse engines, everything first-class, whole outfit almost new. Apply Times Office for names of owners.

FOR SALE—English piano, dressers and stands, stoves, tools, curios, brass goods, etc., at the Old Curiosity Shop, cor. Fort and Blanchard streets.

MILLWOOD and bark slabs, $3 double load; cordwood, 1st quality, $5.50. Hull, phone 1124.

BICYCLE CAPES, all sizes, at Harris & Smith's, 1220 Broad street.

ENGLISH WHEELS at great bargains, in order to make room for 1909 stock, now is your chance; also bargains in guns and ammunition. At Harris & Smith's.

FOR SALE—Incubator and brooder. Apply 1138 Johnson street.

FOR SALE—Post cards, 50 for 25c.; suit case (new), $2.75; Wade & Butcher's razors, $1.75; Eastman folding pocket camera, $6.50; revolver, 38 cal., E. & W. $4.50; shaving sets, $2.50; ladies' gold rings, $2.50; ladies' long G. F. chains, $6. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 56 Johnson street, 4 doors below Government. Phone 1747.

FOR SALE—One second-hand Houston tenoner, one Smith mortiser, one shaper, one ten-inch sticker, one small dynamo, one small engine; also 6 heavy horses. Apply Taylor Mill Company, 2116 Government St., or P. O. Box 628.

WANTED—Anything second-hand. For sale, heaters, go-carts, gun (Parker Bros.' hammerless), 12-bore, $22; coaster bikes, $10 up; large canvas; carpenter and machinists' tools, cheap, at X L Second-Hand Store, opp. Pantages Theatre, in alley.

FOR SALE—A few new buggies, latest style, second-hand buggies, wagons and carts, two good fresh calved cows; also all kinds of horses. Apply at I. J. J. Fisher's Carriage Shop, 642 Discovery street.

Teacher Wanted

TEACHER WANTED—For Pender Island public school, duties to commence Jan. 4th, 1909; salary $50 per month. Apply to A. H. Menzies, Pender Island, B. C.

WANTED—A male teacher, with first-class certificate, for the staff of the Victoria schools; salary $80 a month; duties to commence on January 4th, 1909. Apply to City Superintendent.

Property for Sale

FOR SALE—414 acres finest land for fruit and chicken ranch, all fenced in, beautifully located, high and dry, plenty of fuel, and only 3½ miles from City Hall; your own terms. Mrs. Sorensen, Room 8, 1214 Government street.

FOR SALE—Ranch, 98 acres of the best land on Vancouver Island, 20 acres cleared, small house, good barn, 2 creeks (never dry) run through property, a section from salt water, 31 miles from Victoria; bargain at $6,000. Flint & Co.

TIMBER—Before buying or selling timber in B. C. call and see my list, comprising more than 100 of the best properties, aggregating a total cut of twenty-five billion (25,000,000,000) feet. A. T. Frampton, Mahon Bldg., Victoria. Phone 1652.

FOR SALE—Gordon Head road, seven acres cleared land for $320 per acre; must be sold. Lee & Fraser, 11 Trounce avenue.

FOR SALE—160-acre farm on Galiano Island, 2½ miles from new government wharf, 75 acres of good land, 10 to 15 acres cleared, 25 acres slashed, 2 roomed shack, plenty of good spring water, a few fruit trees, a portion of land fenced, a good road to property, $700 has been laid out by former owner in clearing and fencing, coal right goes with the land, two companies own coal rights in the vicinity, plenty of good timber; $2,300 cash, $500, $1,600 down, balance to arrange. Apply 732 Broughton street.

FOR SALE—10 acres, house, out buildings, fruit trees, plenty of water. T. Morley, Swan Lake.

FOR SALE—Eighteen acres good fruit land, eight miles from Victoria; all kinds buggies, wagons and carts, horses and harness; also yoke young oxen, well broken, and twenty-five young pigs. I. J. J. Fisher, Carriage Shop, Discovery street.

Miscellaneous

EASTERN CAPITAL will investigate coal and timber propositions on the Island of Vancouver. Address, with particulars, Box 676, Times Office.

GOLD IS NOT ALL, but there is enough gold in the Pingree Mines to pay all expenses, leaving the copper, running $49.60 per ton, as net profit. The Pingree Mines are the richest in the free gold belt. Shares are now selling at 15c. It's your chance. A postal will bring you complete information. Maysmith & Co., Mahon Bldg.

BATHROOMS RENOVATED—1724 Government street. Hot or cold bath, 15c.; shampooing, 25c.

HOUSES, cottages, etc., built at lowest contract prices consistent with good workmanship and material; designs and estimates free. Box 525, Times Office.

EVERY SUFFERER FROM RHEUMATISM can be cured by wearing a Lion Anti-Rheumatic Ring. For sale by Redfern, Government street.

FOR FRESH CIGARS and tobaccos, and all the latest news, see Joe McDowell, King's Head Cigar and News Stand, next to Pantages.

WANTED—From 3 to 5 acres improved land with buildings, near city. Box 692.

MISS GALLICHAN, Dressmaker, 1412 Quadra street.

WHO, WHY, WHEN, WHERE, to make profitable mining investments, by the late Cecil Rhodes. Most interesting report free. Engineer, 708 Ouray, Washington, D. C.

MISS WILSON, Dressmaker, has removed her workrooms from the Promis Block to her home on Oak Bay avenue, 3rd house past Foul Bay road. Phone B1066.

NOTICE—For the next six weeks I, the undersigned, will sell cordwood in four-foot lengths and take sawing machine to cut it in yards, alleyways and vacant lots, in lots of 4 cords and upwards. Try the old way and see what you are getting. J. E. Grice, 2022 Douglas street, Victoria, B. C. Phone 149.

TO LET—Offices in Bank of Montreal Chambers. Apply Bank of Montreal.

FOR SALE—South Wellington coal, the best coal mined—less ashes, less soot, more heat. Order your next ton from the Victoria Fuel Co., tel. 1377, McPherson & Fullerton Bros., 618 Trounce ave., Victoria, B. C.

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JOSEPH STRETT—50x120, GRASSY LOT. Terms $375

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THE GRIFFITH CO.

ROOM 11, MAHON BUILDING.
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FOR RENT.

(a) House, 7 rooms, in good condition, King's road $20
(b) New house, 7 rooms, modern, Oak Bay District $35
(c) 7 room house, Head street, partly or fully furnished ..... $18 to $22
(d) Large house, Head street, furnished in part or whole ..... $35 to $50
(e) Large house on Rithet street $21
(f) Fine new house, 8 rooms, Pandora and Fern streets $35

FOR SALE.

A ranch of 18 acres whose merits need to be seen to be appreciated. We will tell you all about it, but, better still, we will take you out to see it and the owner.

Rooms and Board

WANTED—Six roomers and boarders, first-class accommodation; terms, $24 per month. Apply Mrs. Taylor, 1136 Caledonia.

WELL FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET—Suit one or two. 941 View street.

TO LET—Private room and board, for elderly lady and gentleman or married couple; highest references. Apply Box 461 Times Office.

TO RENT—Nicely furnished rooms. 949 Fort street. Phone B1243.

TO LET—Furnished rooms, single or double, electric lights in every room. Apply 716 Yates street.

NEWLY FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET—5 minutes from P.O., $7 per month. 834 Fort street.

ROOM AND BOARD for 4 or 5 persons, home comforts. Apply Box 67, Times Office.

FURNISHED ROOMS from $6 a month; rooms and board, $5.50 a week. 731 Fleguard street, city.

TO RENT—Two partly furnished cottages. Apply P. O. Box 29, Victoria, B.C.

TO LET—Comfortably furnished rooms, with or without board. 725 Vancouver street.

TO LET—2 unfurnished rooms. 427 Government street.

PRINCE RUPERT HOUSE, Bastion Square. Furnished housekeeping and single rooms.

Situations Wanted—Male

CHEF AND WIFE, English, seek situation; 24 years' experience in all classes of cooking; would manage hotel or restaurant. Apply Box 613, this office.

A1 BOOKKEEPER and commercial man, aged 34, English and Canadian experience, wishes responsible position. Please address M. E., Post Office Box 213, Victoria.

Wanted—Board and Room

WANTED—Board and lodging, in private family, for man and girl of 10 years. State terms to Box 675, Times Office.

Wanted—Miscellaneous

WANTED—Canadian Northwest Oil stock in exchange for good building lots close to Willows car line. Box 663, Times Office.

WANTED—To hire, with option of purchase, heavy team and harness. Gorge Grocery.

WANTED—A few young chickens or pullets, must be cheap (common kind only); state lowest price. Box 551, Times.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next Session, for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to build, construct, maintain and operate a line of railway of standard gauge, to be operated by steam, electricity or any other power, for the carrying of freight and passengers and express, commencing at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, thence by way of Otter Point and San Juan to a point on Barkley Sound, near Sarita River; with power to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines for the purpose of its business and for the public; and with power to own, use and operate water powers convenient to the road for railway and other purposes; and with such other powers and privileges which are usually given to railway companies, and which are found in the Model Railway Bill.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 9th day of December, 1908.

BARNARD & ROBERTSON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that, thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a renewal of license to sell intoxicating liquors on the premises known as the Four-Mile House, situated on Goldstream road.

MRS. M. GOUGH.

Esquimalt, B. C., 24th November, 1908.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that, thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a renewal of license to sell intoxicating liquors on the premises known as the Oakdell House, situated at Colwood, B. C.

L. O. DEMERS.

Colwood, B. C., 24th November, 1908.

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From Car Line.
PRICE $3,300.
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And $25.00 Per Quarter,
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At Six Per Cent. Per Annum.

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22 BASTION STREET, VICTORIA.

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80 ACRES—Sooke District, just inside Sooke Harbor.

FINE SEA FRONTAGE—At Esquimalt, about three acres, cheap.

TWO LOTS—On Victoria harbor, with large wharf and sheds and 2 large warehouses, in good condition, on easy terms.

THREE LOTS—On Yates street, with 10 stores, bringing in good rentals.

TO RENT—Large wharf, at foot of Yates street, rent $120 per month.

5½ ACRES—On Colquitz river, Victoria District, cheap.

For further particulars apply to above address.

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LARGE CORNER LOT,
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BUYS 2 LOTS
Each 50 x 142.
With buildings.
Nice elevation. All cultivated, and best of soil. Terms $250 cash, balance monthly at 6 per cent. This is a splendid buy.

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Will buy a LARGE LOT, with two frontages, close in; all fenced and ready to build upon.

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Your choice of two 8-ROOMED HOUSES on James Bay for this price. Modern in every respect. Terms to suit.

$1,800
Buys a 7-ROOMED MODERN HOUSE just off carline, with stable, fruit trees, etc. Terms, 1-3 cash, 6 per cent.

We are offering LOTS in the Yates estate, near the Gorge Park, at from $150 per lot up; terms, 1-3 cash, balance to suit purchaser. Special terms to those purchasing an acre or more; 5 per cent. off for cash. Call at office and get a map of this subdivision.

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9 AND 11 TROUNCE AVENUE.

GORDON HEAD ROAD—7 acres of cleared land for $320 per acre, easy terms.

NORTH PARK STREET—6 roomed cottage and large grounds. Inquire at office for terms and price.

LOTS FOR SALE—On Ladysmith, Blackwood and Prior streets, on very easy terms.

CORDOVA BAY—Fine acreage on water front, $150 per acre.

Lodges

COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 4, I. O. O. F., meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in Odd Fellows' Hall, Douglas street. R. W. Fawcett, Rec. Sec., 237 Government street.

COURT CARIBOO, NO. 743, I.O.F.—Meets on second Tuesday and fourth Monday of each month in K. of P. Hall, corner Pandora and Douglas streets. Visiting Foresters welcomed. F. Sec., E. Parsons, Lee & Fraser, Trounce ave.; J. W. H. King, R. Sec., 1261 Pandora street.

COMPANION COURT FAR WEST, I. O. F., No. 279, meets first and third Mondays each month in K. of P. Hall, corner Douglas and Pandora streets. Isabelle Moore, Financial Secretary, 641 Hillside Ave., city.

K. OF P.—No. 1, Far West Lodge, Friday, K. of P. Hall, cor. Douglas and Pandora Sts. H. Weber, K. of R. & S. Box 544.

VICTORIA, NO. 17, K. of P., meets at K. of P. Hall every Thursday. D. S. Mowat, K. of R. & S. Box 164.

A. O. F., COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 2935, meets at K. of P. Hall 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. W. F. Fullerton, Secy.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1, A. O. U. W., meets every second and fourth Wednesday in month at A. O. U. W. Hall. Members of Order visiting the city cordially invited to attend. R. Dunn, recorder.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

Any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section (160 acres, more or less) of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

DUTIES.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price $3.00 per acre. Purchased homesteads may be acquired on any available lands on either odd or even numbered Sections south of Township 45, east of the Calgary and Edmonton Railway and the west line of Range 26, and west of the third Meridian and the Sault Railway line. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth $300.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1.00 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres can be leased to one applicant. Royalty, five cents per ton.

QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age and over having made a discovery may locate a claim 1,500 feet by 1,500 feet. Fee, $5.00. At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year, or paid to the Mining Recorder. When $500 has been expended or paid and other requirements complied with the claim may be purchased at $1.00 an acre.

PLACER MINING CLAIMS generally, 200 feet square. Entry fee, $5.00.

DREDGING.—Two leases of five miles each of a river may be issued to one applicant for a term of 20 years. Rental, $10 a mile per annum. Royalty, 2½ per cent. after the output exceeds $10,000.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that we intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at its next session, for a transfer of the license to sell intoxicating liquors on the premises situated on Store street, in the City of Victoria, known as the Telegraph Hotel, from James Dupen to Walter Poole, of the city aforesaid.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1908, at Victoria, B. C.

JAMES DUPEN,
GEO. MORPHY,
Applicants.

FOR ALDERMAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD ONE

I beg to inform you that on the solicitation of a number of friends I am presenting myself as a candidate for election as Alderman for Ward 1. I have considerable property interests in this and other Wards in the city.

I am in a position to devote a great portion of my time and attention to municipal matters, and believe that if elected I can efficiently advance the interests of the city as a whole, and of Ward 1 in particular.

Some matters which I believe should have attention in the coming year are:

The early completion of our waterworks system.

More macadamizing and less block pavement, with a view to putting our streets in order before next winter.

Better sewer connection in Ward 1.

Constant endeavor by the City Council to settle the Songhees Reserve question.

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NOTICES APPEARING IN WEEK'S GAZETTE

Companies Incorporated and Appointments Made—Colliery Examining Boards.

The provincial Gazette this week contains notices of the following appointments:

Edgar C. Lunn, of Ashcroft, to be a provincial constable from the 31st day of December, 1908.

Herbert Young, of Prince Rupert, to be registrar of the county court of Atlin, at Prince Rupert, in the place of William Manson, S. M., resigned.

William Manson, of Prince Rupert, to be official administrator for the Skeena and Queen Charlotte Islands mining divisions.

The resignation of George S. McTavish, of Rivers' Inlet, as a J. P., has been accepted.

The constitution of the various boards of examiners for the collieries of the province appears in the Gazette. They are as follows:

Cumberland Colliery—Appointed by the owners, Charles Matthews; alternates, David Walker and David Neilist. Appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, John Kesley. Elected by the miners, Joseph W. Horbury; alternates, Alexander McNeili and Thomas Leeman; secretary of the board, John Kesley, of Cumberland, B. C.

Extension Colliery—Appointed by the owners, Alexander Brydon; alternates, Alexander Shaw and William Jones. Appointed by the Lieut.-Governor in Council, W. G. Simpson. Elected by the miners, James Gleen, alternates, Thomas Doherty and William Anderson; secretary of the board, W. G. Simpson, of Ladysmith, B. C.

Nanaimo Colliery—Appointed by the owners, Charles Graham; alternates, John Newton and Henry Devlin. Appointed by the Lieut-Governor in Council, Thomas Budge. Elected by the miners, Luther Saville; alternates, John Carr and Alexander Stewart; secretary of the board, Thomas Budge, of Nanaimo, B. C.

Nicola Collieries—Appointed by the owners, Hugh Gillespie; alternates, David Crawford and William Reid. Appointed by the Lieut.-Governor in Council, Benjamin Browitt. Elected by the miners, John Wilcock; alternates, Walter G. Ward and Thomas Skelton; secretary of the board, Benjamin Browitt, of Merritt, B. C.

Michel Colliery—Appointed by the owners, John Bastian; alternates, Joseph Thomas and William Robinson. Appointed by the Lieut.-Governor in Council, Joseph Mason. Elected by the miners, Alexander McCulloch; alternates, Thomas George Harries and William Whitehouse; secretary of the board, Joseph Mason, of Michel, B. C.

Coal Creek Colliery—Appointed by the owners, David Martin; alternate, Thomas Spruston. Appointed by the Lieut.-Governod in Council, George O'Brien. Elected by the miners, Robert Adamson; alternate, John T. Puckey; secretary of the board, George O'Brien, of Coal Creek, B. C.

The following companies have been incorporated:

Brunswick Copper, with a capitalization of $25,000.

City Dairy and Produce Company, to carry on business near Vancouver, with a capital stock of $100,000.

Exchange Building, with $45,000 to do business in Vancouver.

Golden Zone Mining Company, with a capital stock of $500,000.

Hale Bros. & Co., capitalized at $100,000, to do business in New Westminster.

James Reid, capitalized at $70,000, to take over business at Quesnel carried on by Hon. James Reid.

Jedway Mines Corporation, with a capital stock of $200,000.

Lindsay Launch and Boat Company, with a capitalization of $25,000.

North Saanich Brick and Tile Company, capitalized at $25,000.

Northern Gas and Power Company, with a capital stock of $50,000.

Shallcross, Macaulay & Co., capitalized at $100,000.

West Pacific Shingle and Lumber Company, with a capital stock of $50,000.

The following companies have been registered as extra provincial companies:

Bear River Mining Company, of Seattle, with D. M. Eberts, of this city, as attorney for the company.

Clinton Construction Company, of Seattle, with W. F. Heppenstall, Vancouver, as attorney for the company.

On the Review Table

Scribner's Magazine for January, beginning a new volume, gives a good foretaste of the rich material of the coming year. The serial, "John Marvel, Assistant," is sure to be one of great popularity. Thomas Nelson Page, the author of it, has grown steadily in the hold which he has upon the best reading public. The novel, although beginning in Virginia, is not a sectional or local story. A series of papers which will surely be commented on both here and in England is "England and the English from an American Point of View."

W. C. Bromwell's essay on Poe is a forceful and logical presentation of an entirely new view of Poe's position among American writers.

In an artistic way the number is enriched with four striking pictures by N. C. Wyeth to accompanying his interesting article, "A Sheep-herder of the Southwest." Another artistic feature is Charles Huard's sketches of Old Paris, which accompany his wife's article on "The Ile St. Louis."

Of great richness are the reproductions of Alexander's Decorations in the Carnegie Institute at Pittsburg—one of the most important schemes of decoration ever allotted to an American artist. William Walton writes appreciatively of the pictures.

Brander Matthews shows how wrong the critics are who reproach contemporary playwrights with fitting a special actor for a part.

Francis Rogers makes a strong appeal for "The Use of English in Singing."

The short stories are: "The Coming of Night," by Rebecca Harding Davis; "The Strike at the Little Maggie," by Victor Henderson; "Wedding or Funeral," by Minnie Barbour Adams; Mrs. Wharton contributes an important poem.

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The Strand Magazine for January contains an excellent variety of interesting material and is exceptionally strong in fiction. Besides a further long installment of Hall Caine's remarkable new serial, "The White Christ," there is a delightfully humorous story by W. W. Jacobs called "Prize Money," which will cause many hearty laughs. Another diverting story is Arthur Morrison's "Filer the Faithless." Horace Annesley Vachell, Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler, Mrs. Bland, and E. Nesbit also contribute some excellent stories. The articles are as diversified as ever and include such widely different subjects as "Bridge Blunders or Hands that Went Wrong," "The World's Best Puzzles," "Some Queer Champions," and a superbly illustrated account of Southam Delabere, the romantic and beautiful English estate of Mrs. Ratcliff. Harry Furniss continues his "Comic Side of Crime," and there are articles dealing with aids to memory, human musical instruments, and queer drapery figures, as well as a paper entitled "Wouldn't it be Funny if ——" a question which can only be answered by reading the article. An innovation this month is a colored section dealing with the London stage, in which portraits of the eight most popular actresses at present on the London boards are given, together with "shadow" pictures of the plays in which they are appearing.

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"The Stuff that Dreams are Made Of," by John R. Meader, is the leading article in the Bohemian Magazine for January. The cartoons by R. B. Morrisoh set off amusingly the different situations dreamers are apt to find themselves in. The article attempts to explain why we dream what we do.

The other special articles in the number, all well illustrated from photographs, are "The Blue-blood of the Saw-dust Ring," by Huge C. Weir, an account of a little known circus aristocracy; "The Man Behind the Push-carts," by Wendell P. Dodge, the story of a man who began life in a sweat shop and is now the quiet power in a well-cemented New York organization; and "The Romance of the Indian Basket," by Harry C. Dunn.

The short stories, ten in all, are well told, with good plots and with "something doing" all the time. Following are some of the titles: "The Mysterious Colonel Drouski," by W. A. Fraser; "Simon Satterfield," by Alfred Damon Runyon, the story of a man's rise to fame and fortune and of his dramatic faithfulness to the woman in the case; "Force and the Brute," by Aldis Dunbar, a lively story of how a disastrous run on the bank was prevented.

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The January issue of The Outing Magazine is rich in color. Particularly artistic are the five full-page colored paintings by Roy Martell Mason, illustrating his article upon "Colorful Puerto Rico."

A number of well-known authors are represented in this issue with strong and timely articles. Emerson Hough has an article upon "The American Six Shooter." Herein he takes occasion to explode some conceptions of the marvellous shooting of the "cowboy." He makes light of driving tacks at one hundred yards and of kindred feats with the revolver.

"On to Marco Pass," by A. W. Dimock, is an account of a "trip that failed." In a canoe the author and his party attempted to cross Florida. It is a picturesque description of little parts of our peninsula state, well illustrated frof many photographs taken on the journey.

Clifton Johnson writes about "An Old Village of the Pacific Coast," meaning Capistrano, Cal., where the habits prevailing in the old mission days are peculiarly modified by the imported American hustle. An excellent description of what Florida meahs to the United States is contained in the article by Kirk Munroe, entitled "Florida: A Winter Playground."

Ralph D. Paine and Agnes C. Laut both contribute articles of importance. There is also a good measure of fiction and of practical "how to" features, written by experts.

HOW TO SHOOT WITH REVOLVER.

To begin sighting along the barrel of a six-shooter, as in target-gallery practice, is a handicap to the man who wants to learn the art at its best. The hand and eye, of course, work together with all weapons and in all combats; but there is a difference between the eye-general and the eye-particular. The best form of boxing or fencing — that is what the use of the six-shooter means. You point your fist at your foil by instinct. You cannot help pointing your finger directly and straight at any object, no matter how hard you try. Yet surely you do not sight down your finger! In the best work with the six-shooter, you point with the barrel just as you point with your finger; or really, you point with your wrist and forearm, and the six-shooter is the finger of your wrist, the lengthening of your arm. That is the theory and creed of the six-shooter. — Emerson Hough in The Outing Magazine.

SOLIDIFIED BABY.

One of the most remarkable medical cases on record, in which the limbs of a baby, 6 weeks old, have turned to stone, has been reported by Dr. Karl H. Gladstone, of Jersey City, to a New York medical society. The child so appallingly afflicted is Benjamin Gordon.

Dr. Gladstone reported that the child's limbs had now become almost as hard as stone, after gradually solidifying since its birth.

According to Dr. Gladstone, four days after the baby's birth, its mother noticed an unnatural hardness in its feet and hands, which gradually spread upward in the legs and arms until, two weeks after its birth, the limbs up to the knees and elbows were amazingly hard and cold.

The hardness kept spreading until a few days ago, when the child was removed to a hospital. The arms and legs right up to the trunk of the body were hard as rock and stone cold. Moreover, Dr. Goldstone reports that its little face was also hardening, as though a flinty mask were being drawn slowly over its forehead.—Philadelphia North American.

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SIR H. MAXIM'S PROPHECY OF AIRSHIPS IN WAR

Would Be Used for "Bombarding English Towns From the Continent."

Sir Hiram Maxim declared recently in London that the aeroplane, even in its present imperfect state, was a very efficient military weapon. The occasion was a lecture at the Society of Arts by Stuart Bruce on mechanical flight.

During the discussion Sir Hiram said:

"The Wright machine, with only a very little improvement, would be a very efficient military weapon. Does anyone doubt for a single moment that in case we should find ourselves at war with a strong Continental power that such machines would not be used for bombarding English towns from the Continent?

"A French engineer, who is in a position to know and who has a thorough grasp of the subject, informed me only a short time ago that within one year a machine would be made in France that would fly from Paris to London without stopping. Such machines are certainly in the range of the possible, and when they come London can be attacked without encountering the dreaded British navy.

"There is only one means of combating this danger, and that is to make flying machines ourselves. The discovery of gunpowder made a complete change in civilised warfare, but the change did not take place quickly, because guns at that time were very difficult to make with the tools and appliances in existence. But at the present moment the tools and appliances are at hand, and the change will be quite as radical and a great deal quicker than it was on the discovery of gunpowder.

"Vast sums of money will be paid by governments in the immediate future for military flying machines, and an opportunity is now presented to wealthy men such as only occurs once in a century.

"I have recently made drawings of an extremely light and powerful motor which will be much lighter for the power developed than any motor heretofore made and still will have a fair factor of safety. This is accomplished by using an especially strong steel and putting it where it will do the most good. It would appear to me that it would be a relatively simple matter to build successful flying machines at the present moment, and a great deal of experimenting is not necessary.

"I am no longer a young man," said Sir Hiram in conclusion, "but a very active old man still able to do an immense amount of work, and I am ready to put my shoulder to the wheel and do my level best to put this country at least abreast of any other country in the new science."

Major Baden-Powell said he was convinced from his own experience that within the next two or three years flying through the air would be a common thing. It was of the greatest importance from a military point of view that England should push along this matter and develop the idea as neighbors have shown it how to do.

KAISER INVENTS AUTO BRAKE.

The Kaiser's latest occupation for leisure moments is the devising of efficient braking apparatus, and in this attempt it is stated he has added to the already long list of mechanical contribances on the market. Not only has he invented an axle brake which has many merits, but, like the practical man, he has proved himself to be, in considering the advisability of giving his fellow automobilists the benefit of his device and of placing this for a consideration at their disposal. Germany has, next to France, the largest export of cars, sending abroad sixty-five millions and a half to England's twenty-eight.—From the Ladies' Pictorial.